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THE DAILY EXAMINER.

DECEMBER 11, 1897.

THE TEMPERANCE QUESTION.

About four years ago fifty gentlemen, engaged in temperance work, constituted themselves a committee and undertook to deal scientifically with the various aspects of the Liquor Evil. We are told that this committee comprised some of the most distinguished theologians, ethicists, sociologists, and men of science in the United States. For the sake of thoroughness and expedition they divided into sub-committees, each taking up a different aspect. There were sub-committees on the physiological, the legislative, the economic, and the ethical aspects. These sub-committees worked steadily, meeting from time to time to compare notes and plan future work. The first report given to the public has just been published. It is entitled "The Liquor Problem in its Legislative aspects"; and it refers to an investigation into the working of various liquor laws in several States. The investigation was carried out by a sub-committee consisting of President Charles W. Elliot, President Seth Low, and Mr. James Carter; and their report is issued by the authority of the entire committee of fifty. The State laws investigated were those of Maine, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Missouri, Ohio, Iowa, and Indiana. We cannot, of course detail the committee's findings. The following summary is based on an article in the Popular Science Monthly:

"Prohibition has abolished or prevented the manufacture on a large scale of alcoholic liquors in the areas covered by it. It has suppressed the retail traffic in places where public opinion was strongly behind it; in places where public opinion was indifferent the retail traffic has flourished to a greater or less extent. That prohibition has largely prevented the manufacture of liquor, but has prevented its sale only when public opinion was actively in its favour. The efforts to enforce a prohibition law have led to "hypocrisy and unfaithfulness in public officials," "to bribery and corruption, and to disreputable law." There is not sufficient evidence obtainable, even after more than forty years' experience, to prove whether or not drunkenness has been diminished by prohibition laws. Prohibition by local option laws seems to be more effective than general prohibition, because the public sentiment of the smaller community is more actively behind it. With regard to the license system, the chief objection is that it compels the liquor interests to enter politics for self-protection. The efficiency of any kind of restriction is found to be dependent on the state of public opinion. It cannot be positively affirmed that any one kind of liquor legislation has been more effective than another in promoting real temperance. It is probably true that restrictions on public drinking tend to increase private drinking. Race and nationality seem to have a greater influence than legislation. The committee considers that doing away with private profit in the liquor traffic would be most desirable. This has been done in some countries, but not in the United States. Taking everything into consideration, the final conclusion is that it is wise for a community to strive after all external, visible improvements, even if it cannot be proved that internal, fundamental improvement accompanies them."

These conclusions may not be satisfactory to all temperance workers; but they are, at all events worthy of consideration.

—Commenting upon the fact that the Dominion Government sent a quantity of whiskey to be sold by public auction in Charlottetown, the Halifax Herald says: "It is certainly unusual, and altogether unseemly, for the government officials to go trading round the country with intoxicating liquors. But what could be expected of a government that sanctions postage stamps deals?"

The Lick Observatory eclipse expedition from San Francisco has arrived at Bombay and will proceed inland to select an observing station.

LANGELIER AND LAURIER.

It appears by the fuller mail advices received last night that the Hon. Francis Langelier's complaint against Sir Wilfrid Laurier is not alone that Sir Adolph Chapleau continues to be Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec in the face of a formal written promise that the office should be given to Langelier at the end of Chapleau's term. A gross breach of faith is but one count in the indictment which has been preferred by a leading Liberal against the Liberal Leader. It is further declared that Mr. Langelier's rights of patronage as to his Division have been absolutely ignored. A McPherson, who was treasurer of his opponent's committee in the last general election, when he ran against Hon. A. R. Angers, was appointed harbor commissioner without his having been made aware of the fact, let alone being asked to sanction it; and he has been annoyed to see the affairs of the party discussed by such men as Messrs. Tarte, Danseman, Decolles, Drolet, Patterson, Chapleau and others of that ilk, while old Liberals were left completely in the dark. The fact of the matter is that Mr. Tarte has usurped the privileges which rightfully appertain to Mr. Langelier; and Mr. Langelier is mad about it. The Sun remarks that "in this respect the position of Mr. Langelier is not unlike that of Mr. Ellis in St. John. There are many similarities between the position that Mr. Tarte occupies in Quebec and that of Mr. Blair in New Brunswick. One is that each is building up a personal following rather than a political party based on any set of convictions. Each is gathering about him a following of oppositionists and mercenaries. Each is regarded with a certain distrust, or at least with anxiety, by some of the old-fashioned believers in liberal principles and in pure administration. For the present, it seems fair to say they are both singularly successful in making friends of a certain class, and that controlling the two great spending departments, they are the dominant men in the ministry. So, though Mr. Langelier may protest against Mr. Tarte's control of the premier, Mr. Tarte's control will not therefore cease. This is the fact of the matter. Tarte is the power behind the throne. He is the political director and travelling manager of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. His control seems to be unlimited in Quebec. The arrangements made by Mr. Tarte in so far as that Province is concerned must be carried out, even though the Premier's promises are broken and the recognized rights of Liberal representatives supporting the Government in Parliament are flouted. Quebec is the master of the administrator; and Mr. Tarte is master of Quebec. The Premier and Government of Canada is thus virtually under the control of one who is everywhere recognized as an unscrupulous trading politician. It is not wonderful that prominent Liberals are already in rebellion against the Government.

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IS HE STILL IN IT?

Come to think of it, there may be some truth in the story, published in the Guardian, about the spirit of Sir John A. Macdonald hovering about the government offices at Ottawa. It is possible, too, that Canada's Great Old Man has found means of delivering some messages to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. All have noted that the Liberal government has adopted Sir John's trade policy—with a few changes, not for the better—and that there has lately been a good deal of talk about Cabinet and administrative changes. If Sir John really advised the Premier to take Sir Adolph Chapleau into his Cabinet it is evident that Sir John sees that the Government sadly needs readjustment. Sir John knew Sir Adolph well. But to have really helped Sir Wilfrid he should have brought influence to bear upon Sir Adolph. Sir John was not in the habit of making a mess of his plans. It is possible that the wily old Tory Chief is still, in the spirit, at his old work of building up the country and dishing the Liberals.

PERSONAL.

Rev. Dr. Walker, of Rollo Bay, is in town.

Sena'or Arsenault is reported "about the same" to-day.

Rev. J. J. Macdonald, of Kinkora, is visiting the city.

It is pleasing to see that Mr. William Dodd, who has been ill for some time past, is able to be out again.

Mr. Bernard McCarey arrived from Bermuda last evening on a visit to his father and other relatives in Charlottetown.

Registered at the Queen: S. T. Wallace, Vernon River Bridge; Jack Isbell, St. Louis; Thomas Ward, Quebec; George Forbes, Vernon River.

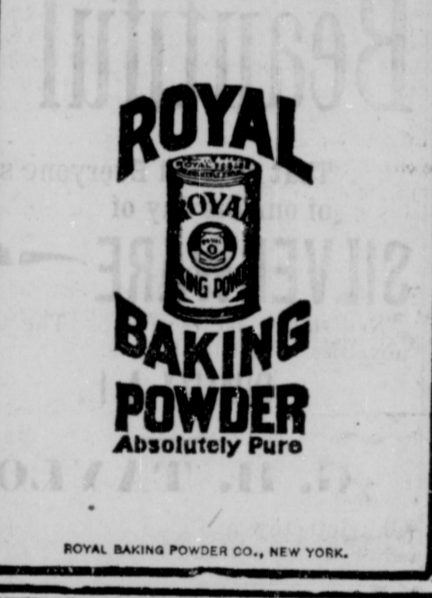
At the Hotel Davies: W. J. Farrand, St. John; J. Van Bourke, Boston; M. McDonald, Georgetown; E. W. Seely, H. Roper, R. W. Houston, J. Waterson, Montreal; R. C. Davies; Qu. bec; B. C. Cox, Souris.

The friends of Mr. John Macpherson, of the Island railway, will be glad to hear that he has sufficiently recovered from his illness to be able to move about his room. It is expected that he will be able to come down stairs very soon.

Referring to the speech of the Hon. Mr. Ross, on Preferential Trade and Reciprocity, the Montreal Star says: "A Tory, with a disposition to divide his discourse into 'heads,' would have made much such an utterance."
Lieut. A. C. Hamilton-Gray, son of the late Col. J. H. Gray, C. M. G., who was recently appointed to a commission in the Royal Regiment Canadian Infantry, has received a notification from the War Office, London, Eng., informing him that he has been successful in passing the final examination for a commission in the British Army. Lieut. Gray has decided to accept the commission in the Imperial service, and expects to join his regiment shortly.

After all is said about the greatness of Chicago it appears that they have not a decent theatre in the city. Mme. Nordica sang at the Auditorium, which is the swell place of amusement in Chicago, but the stage was so dirty that her magnificent new dress worn for the first time was ruined. Nordica says the next time she sings in Chicago she will wear bloomers or a bicycle costume.

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RECIPROCITY A FACT.

Kind and loving hands decorated the Victoria Church with evergreens and flowers for the interesting event which took place there on Thursday evening. It was surely a work of love, the beautifully and tastefully arranged canopy with its wreath; still the works of art were cast into the shade when Miss Beatrice Inman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Inman, and Mr. Vernon Backus, from Providence, R. I., with their bridesmaids Miss Luy Taylor, Miss A. Palmer, Miss Grace Brien, Miss Annie Smith and Miss Laura McQuarrie and the groomsmen, Messrs. Bert Trowsdale, Theo McKinnon, A. McLean and J. S. Brooks entered the church and took their respective places. It was a very pretty wedding. The Rev. Mr. Hicks performed the marriage ceremony. The happy couple adjourned to the residence of the bride's parents where they sat down to the marriage feast, after which they, accompanied by a party of friends, drove to the Lansdowne Hotel, Cape Traverse, en route to Providence, R. I., where they will reside, and where Mr. Vernon Backus holds a lucrative and honorable position in the State Reform School. Miss Inman, (now Mrs. Backus) will be very much missed in this village. She was always found doing good. Our short acquaintance with Mr. Vernon Backus was more than pleasant. We wish them, with hosts of friends, a long and happy life.—Com.

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The mammoth establishment of James Paton & Co. has been artistically and skilfully decorated for the holiday season. The idea of the departmental store has been acted upon, and booths have been set up wherein may be found the heads of the various departments and their painstaking assistants ready and willing to aid the purchaser in the selection of this or that piece of goods or this or that smaller article of especial interest at this particular season. These booths are all well stocked, and are artistically decorated with spruces, bannerettes and pictures. Such mottoes as "A Merry Xmas" and "Welcome" have been suitably placed, and the whole store, when lighted by electricity as it will be tonight and each succeeding night, will be a sight that no one should miss seeing. The stock of goods in this store needs no commendation at our hands. As is well known everything is of the best, and the prices are as low as it is possible to place them.

CAUSE OF ALARM.

Sir.—The Guardian is evidently alarmed for the safety of the Grit party. It has editorially announced that political messages have been received from Sir John A. McDonald, now in the Spirit world. If the Guardian's announcement is correct there is no doubt great cause for alarm. It would be well for the editor of that Independent (?) paper to set his House in order, and lay in a stock of cider. QUIT.

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The Lost Chord.—Another supply of the Dec. Xmas no. of Ladies Home Journal containing the celebrated song "The Lost Chord," by Sir Arthur Sullivan, received at Sunnyside Bookstore.—Hazard & Moore
This Saturday night Hazard & Moore are making a special display of Xmas Cards, calendars and fancy Xmas goods. The show is simply beyond printers ink. Everybody should see the many holiday novelties at the Sunnyside Bookstore to-night.

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 6. Reading..... Miss Mellish.
 7. Vocal Solo..... Rev. Mr. Manifold.
 8. Vocal Quartette..... The Misses Earle and the Messrs Earle
 9. Reading..... Th eHon. The Master of the Rolls.
 10. Vocal Solo..... Mr. Cloud Hill.
 11. Violin Solo—"Ox Minuet".....Haydn Prof. Vinnicombe.
 12. Reading..... Mr. T. A. McLean.
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