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THE "TRADE" AND ELECTIONS.

It is currently reported that the "trade" vote turned the scale of the late Christchurch election in favor of Mr Lewis, whose opinions on the liquor question were in favor of "justice" to the trade, and freedom of will for the people. If this were, so who can blame those interested if they "made their trade," in a large degree, "their politics," and showed the Government that the "instincts" of trade conservation, and a desire to protect themselves against ruinous legislation, far outweighed any desire they may have to support the whole Government policy, even though they felt it to be mainly in the interest of the masses of the people. This is only in a small degree a repetition of what took place at the general elections recently held in the Old Country, when the united vote of the trade, was cast against the Rosebery Government, and resulted in placing Lord Salisbury and his colleagues in power. According to the best authorities the people of Great Britain and Ireland are as loyal to true Liberalism as they ever were; but we learn from many of the leading Liberal and other journals, that the truest men in the Liberal cause refused to support the late Government, because a part of its declared policy was to introduce and carry through Parliament a Bill which jeopardised millions of pounds worth of property, and consequent ruination to many of the most worthy of British and Irish citizens. In his recent addresses to the people of New Zealand, the Hon. Premier (Mr Seddon) has inferred, rather than declared, his intention to proceed still further with the liquor legislation during the coming session. And many do not hesitate to say that the inclusion of Mr Hall-Jones in the Cabinet gives additional force and color to the Premier's statement. Added to this there was the rumour that the new Minister had recanted, and had declared that he could no longer support the extreme prohibitions and the "bare majority section" of the House and people. In his recent speech, however, made at Mr Pirani's banquet, Palmerston North, Mr Hall-Jones emphatically declared that he had in no degree changed his opinions on these questions; hence it is reasonable to assume that the Government called this gentleman to the Cabinet as a Minister, with portfolio, knowing that he still retains his ideas about prohibition. We do not wish to introduce party politics into this page of our journal, and in no party spirit do we say we have no desire to see this Government thrown out of office; but we warn the Premier and his colleagues that they are playing a dangerous game just now, and unless they exercise care and discretion; based on justice to a large and powerful section of the community, the result attained in Christchurch may become very general at the next election, or the fate that befel the great Liberal party in the Mother Country, will "hurl" itself on Mr Seddon, and his party and drive them to political destruction.

TRADE TOPICS.

Mr Isherwood, formerly a resident of Palmerston North, has purchased the Mangatūnoka (near Woodville) Brewery, from Mr Wagstaff.

In the cricket match, Auckland Licensed Victuallers versus Parnell, in aid of the Brunner Fund, the former won by 51 runs on the first innings. The principal scorers for the "trade" were, Arneil (20), Cromwell (24), Elley (15).

Magistrate: "If I got as intoxicated as you do, I'd shoot myself." Prisoner: "If you was as intoxicated as I was you couldn't hit a barn door."

Mr French, formerly travelling representative for Messrs Nathan and Co., of Auckland, is about to become landlord of the Grand Hotel, Auckland.

Messrs. Dwan Bros., the Wellington hotel-brokers, report having sold Mr A. Hibble's interest in Barrett's Hotel, Lambton Quay, to Mr Albert White, late of Kaponga, Taranaki.

One of the first acts of the recently formed Waiters' Union in London has been, strange to say, to declare war against "tipping." It seems that the objectionable practice results unsatisfactorily to the generality of the men.

Of the seventy thousand breweries in the world, thirty thousand are in Germany. Great Britain has eighteen thousand, and the United States five thousand. Each country uses nearly all its own product, except Germany, which manufactures more than it consumes.

The decision of the Masterton appeal case, Tucker versus Fitzsimmons, is not to hand yet. During the hearing of the case, the witnesses who were concerned in a recent libel case, admitted that they had paid money to procure convictions against hotelkeepers in the district.

The *Wairarapa Times* says that Stipendiary Magistrate Hutchinson, who recently fined Publican Searl £65 for selling liquor at the Masterton Show, because he (Hutchinson) had not signed the permit, was recently hooted and hissed by a mob at the Featherston Railway Station.

A native named Ernesta Panapa was committed for trial for breaking and entering the Kawakawa Hotel, Bay of Islands. There were lately two burglaries there. The proprietor set a trap in the bar. The result was that the Maori got his feet smeared with dye, thus leading to his detection.

For some time past the claims of cider as a temperance drink have been loudly proclaimed; yet in the report of Burghill Asylum, according to the *British Medical Journal*, the medical superintendent states that more people were in the asylum through cider drinking than through any other cause.

"Often he had attempted to go with the teetotallers, though he had never been one, but he had found them so terribly crabbed, cranky, and miserable that he had to seek other company. Their homes seemed made to look at, not to live in."—Melbourne *Argus* report of Rev. D. Allen at the Sydney Presbyterian Assembly.

A Melbourne prohib. paid a visit to his Dunedin nephew the other day. The old gent was much interested in all he saw. One day he pointed to a building in Princess Street. "That's a nice place," he said. "Yes," agreed the nephew, "but the owner built it out of the blood, the aches, and the groans of his fellow men; out of the grief of crying children, and the woe of wailing women." "Ah! rum seller, of course!" said the Prohib. "Oh, no," was the reply, "he's a dentist."—*The Spectator*.

Mr Charles de Vere Teschemaker makes the following portentous indictment in the *Blenheim Express* against Mr Crabb, temperance lecturer:—(a) Making statements that are not true; (b) libelling a respectable body of citizens; (c) holding up to ridicule a large section of the magistracy of the country; (d) alluding to the Medical Congress as a set of quacks (or a reference to that effect); (e) holding up to scorn all hotel and inn-keepers and brewers; (f) grimacing on the platform; (g) using vulgar slang; (h) and generally using ends to obtain his purpose which I hold to be reprehensible.

The Rev. J. Jewell, who recently died in Troy, Pennsylvania, is said to have originated the word "teetotal." The story goes that at a public temperance meeting in Hector, New York, in 1828, he introduced into the pledge the letters "O.P." for "old pledge," which pledged against distilled liquors, and "T" for "total," including both distilled and fermented liquors. When names were being taken, a young man in the gallery said, "Add my name and a 'T,' for I am a 'T-totaller.'" Mr Jewell adopted the word in speeches and writings. Some four years later, an Englishman named Turner employed the word, and its origin has also been ascribed to him.

At Wellington, in Banco last week the Chief Justice had before him the case of Falconer v. Williams and others, a motion for a writ of *mandamus* to the Napier Licensing Committee to hear and determine on its merits, an application by the plaintiff, for the removal of his license from the Greenmeadows Hotel to a house in the Marine Parade, on the ground that the reasons given by the committee for dismissing the application, viz., that the application ought to have been accompanied by a certificate of fitness, were not reasons in law. Mr Morrison appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr Cornford for one of the defendants (J. S. Large). His Honor granted the *mandamus*, but refused to allow costs.

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