

the cover of License laws, the land is deluged with a poison as sure in its effects as arsenic or prussic acid; a poison so subtle that men become, ere they are aware of it, so caught by its effects that like the bird in the net, there is no escape. Nor is the use—(abuse is the proper term)—* of intoxicating beverages, confined to one class—all classes are tainted with it—the high as well as the low—the rich as well as the poor—the learned as well as the illiterate—the professional man as well as the mechanic—the statesman as well as the meanest subject—among them all has the cup been introduced; so that the question has been asked, and men have been challenged to show whether there is *one single family* on this vast continent which can truly boast of not having suffered, directly or indirectly by the awful scourge, strong drink.

Until I have *satisfactory proof* to the contrary, I shall maintain my position—that strong drinks are a universal plague—that its victims are about as universally deaf to “the precepts of religion and morality”—that the present “Civil and Municipal Laws of the Country” are insufficient to stop its progress—and that it will be one of the brightest days that ever dawned on this Province, when the Maine Law shall be found “on the Statute Book of Canada.”

No QUARTER.

Quebec, 1853.

It is difficult in these days of scientific discoveries to decide of what use alcohol is at all; it is even now superseded in chemistry by other harmless agencies.

List of Moneys received from persons residing out of Montreal, on account of *Canada Temperance Advocate* :—

- 1851.—Vaughan, J T 2s 6d; Toronto, S A 2s 6d; St. Andrews, D D 2s 6d.
- 1852.—Dundas, A R 2s 6d; Cooksville, J W 2s 6d, E C 5s; Brooklin, J C 2s 6d; Kincardine, Mr McK 2s 6d; Kingston, E S £1 15s; Martintown, A S 2s 6d; Freligsburg, J H S, 17s 6d, C B H 2s 6d; Cherry Valley, R S 2s 6d; Brockville, F L L 2s 6d; Embro, D L D 2s 6d, W A 2s 6d, Rev D McK 2s 6d, Miss L R 2s 6d, N P A 2s 6d, M C 2s 6d; Ingersoll, J B, 2s 6d; Toronto, S A 2s 6d; Carbonear, Rev J N 5s, E S P 2s 6d, Dr J T 2s 6d, R P 2s 6d; Brigus, Nfld, W T S £1 10s; St. Johns, Nfld, H W 5s; Trenholmvile, J T 2s 6d, E T 2s 6d; Abbotsford, O S 2s 6d; Vankleek Hill, D McK, 2s 6d; St. Eustache, W S 2s 6d; St. Michael, Rev M F 2s 6d.
- 1853.—Dundas, A R 2s 6d; Milton, J W C 2s 6d; Cheltenham, D K 2s 6d, R B 2s 6d, A McL 2s 6d, W P 2s 6d, J McE 2s 6d; Stanstead, S P 2s 6d; Williamstown, Miss McN 2s 6d, J F 2s 6d; Cooksville, J E 2s 6d, J G 2s 6d, H F M 2s 6d; London, Rev J S 5s, D McK 5s, D Y D 2s 6d; Fort Hope, G M 2s 6d; Brome, L M K 2s 6d, A W 2s 6d; Colbourne, J G 2s 6d; Haldimand, W F 2s 6d, J G M 2s 6d; Burford, J S 2s 6d; Kincardine, Mr McK 2s 6d; Perrytown, J D 2s 6d, J S 2s 6d, F McK 2s 6d, A C 2s 6d; Lachute, J McO 2s 6d; Bolton, G B £1; Cold Water, B W 2s 6d; Errol, W W 2s 6d, W R 2s 6d, J T 2s 6d; Phillipsburgh, H M R 2s 6d, H J 2s 6d; Vaughan, E F 2s 5d, A J 2s 6d, J P 2s 6d; Lachine, J O 2s 6d; Morrisburgh, H N 2s 6d, C De C 2s 6d; Raleigh, S D 2s 6d, S S 2s 6d, G T 2s 6d, H V 3s 6d; Stanstead, U D 2s 6d; Lochaber, G L P 2s 6d; Kingston, Rev J G 2s 6d, Mr P 2s 6d, C S 2s 6d, Mr K 2s 6d; Granby, P H 2s 6d; England, Captain S P T 5s; Lochaber, A McD 7d; Petite Nation, A H 2s 6d; Perth, F D L 2s 6d, J McC 2s 6d; Dalhousie, NB, F M 2s; Newmarket, T N 2s 6d, J B 2s 6d; St Catherine's, Mr S 2s 6d; Ridge Town, R G 2s, R H 2s, R M 2s, E D 2s, W M 2s, H G 2s, A N 2s, T R 2s, G F R 2s, R Y 2s; Wick, J B 2s 6d, Mr McK 1s 3d; Napanee, J S 2s, M S 2s 6d, I T 2s 6d, B C 2s 6d, C D 2s 6d; Chambly, H D 2s 6d; Bowmanville, H O H 2s 6d; Sorel, A F 2s 6d; Oshawa, T A 2s 6d; Granby, C R 2s 6d, A McK 2s 6d; Charlottetown, P E I, Revd Mr R 2s 6d, J M 2s 6d, B W 2s 6d, M McD 2s 6d; Colbourne, J H K 2s 6d, T W 2s 6d; Embro, M C 2s 6d; Bytown, J D 2s 6d; Brockville Division, No 1, 5s; Brockville, F L L 2s 6d; Clarence,

- G B R 2s 6d; Embro, D L D 2s 6d; Canboro, W D G J 2s 6d, S V J 2s 6d, W B 2s 6d; Harlem, J J 2s 6d; Toronto, S A 2s 6d, Mr P 2s 6d; Three Rivers, Mr A 2s 6d; Belleville, J I 2s 6d; Kingston, J H 2s 6d; Centre Augusta, H McL £1 2s 6d; Toronto, E F W 5s; Edwardsburgh, T O N 2s 6d; Carbonear, Rev J N 2s 6d, E S P 2s 6d; Dr J T 2s 6d, R P 2s 6d; St. Johns, Nfld, H W 2s 6d; Warsaw, T C £2 10s; Chatham, R W 2s 6d; Saugeen, J & H W 2s 6d; Adams Village, N Y, Capt W M 2s 6d; Winchester, T T 2s 6d; Port Lewis, S B B C 2s 6d; Pointe-a-Cavignol, E P G, 2s 6d; Pakenham, Rev F B 3s 9d; Melbourn, H K 2s 6d; Durham, J A 2s 6d, J M 2s; Trenholmvile, J T 1s 3d, E T 2s 6d; Bytown, C K 2s 6d; Napanee, E S 2s 6d; Woodstock, (NB.) J McL, £3 10s; Abbotsford, OS 2s 6d; London, J R 2s 6d; Lobo, L B 2s 6d; Belleville, M S 2s 6d; Richmond Hi), W H 2s 6d; Smithville, G W G 1s 3d; Dunham Flats, L F L 2s 6d; Brome Corners, H A L, 2s 6d; Waterdown, J H 1s 3d, W H 1s 3d, F R 1s 3d, A R 1s 3d, J L 1s 3d; Ancaster, H J 1s 3d, R M 1s 3d; Waterdown, Rev J M 1s 3d; Demorestville, J D 2s 6d, Dr V 2s 6d; Cumminsville, R B T 2s 6d, J C 2s 6d; Saint Michael, Revd M F 2s 6d; Saint Eustache, W S 2s 6d; Albion, G B £1.

Why do You not Gather?

A LAY TO THE LADIES.

Why do you not gather to join us, dear ladies,
More freely than yet you have ventured to do?
You know far too well that the publican's trade is
Most fatal to homes, to your babies and you.
The matrons of old, when their lords were in danger,
Would offer themselves as a hostage for them;
A narrow self-love to their breasts was a stranger,
When danger assailed that the ladies could stem.
When first you were led blushing maids to the altar,
The one anxious thought that most troubled your mind
Was whether strong drink would not make your hopes falter,
By changing your husbands to toppers unkind.
But what have you done to induce circumspection,
To strengthen their souls when temptation assailed?
Have you tried to break each polluting connection,
And always stood pure when their virtue has failed?
Have you never wiled them to low pot-house dances,
Where praise of base deeds and debauchery rings,
Where passion-fraught drink and lascivious glances
Are bandied about as the dearest of things?
How many a youth with keen anguish now traces
His fall into some bitter life-clouding scrape
To drink and his visits to such horrid places!
The miracle is that so many escape.
O, would that the love and the physical beauty
Of those who are making or marring mankind—
Their caution, their shrewdness, their feelings of duty—
Were always adorn'd by bright vigor of mind!
The poets have sung about female perfection
In temper, in conduct, in manners, in dress;
A being so rare should be kept for inspection;
We are all imperfect, and all must progress.
Some parents have thought that their children would bless them,
Believing their talents would honor the land;
But drink made their lives what could only distress them,
And sent them away to a convict-gorged strand.
You've heard the old sot in his loud midnight rapping;
You've heard the lewd girl and young toper's vile tongue;
Oh, did you not know that the dear hearth-stone sipping
Was just the vile seed whence this infamy sprung?
Eye ruined the world by her lax self-denial;
You, who have the next generation to nurse,
Are put by strong drink to a similar trial;
Show how you had spread the princival curse.
Dear ladies! 'tis you whom Jehovah commissions
To train up the young for a holier sphere;
Oh, do not, in spite of all risks and petitions,
Thus re-curse the world for a pitcher of beer.

THOMAS FEATHERSTONE.