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### Prohibitory Liquor Law, Canada.

From the *Pilot* we quote the largest portion of a sensible article on this great question.

"If," says the editor, "the people really desire the passing of the measure, they will show their anxiety by exercising the pressure from without upon their representatives, to which the Solicitor General West so significantly referred. Public opinion is the lever by which such movements are effected in constitutional countries, and if the people are lukewarm and careless of the result, it is quite clear from the temper of the House, as shown in the debate on Thursday, that many of their representatives will be well pleased to find it so. One hon. member, in remarking upon the carrying out of the law in the State of Maine, to which State it owes its birth, told a humorous story of the facility with which he purchased the prohibitory liquor of the apothecary who occupied an office under the hotel. We do not see much to boast of in this achievement, or any argument that can be fairly deduced from it to the disparagement of the law, or its execution in the State of Maine. That law expressly provides that liquors may be sold for medicinal, mechanical, or chemical purposes, and if they are purchased upon any one of these pretences, and the pretence is a false one, the discredit does not lie at the door of the State which sanctions the selling for a specific purpose.

"The allegation that opium and other narcotic stimulants would be generally introduced, if vinous stimulants were abolished, carries no weight with it. Opium is only used in large quantities as a general stimulant and narcotic in warm climates, where the poppy flourishes, or where its juice is readily obtained; and the assertion that much demoralization would flow from illicit distillation, if the license to manufacture spirit were refused, is certainly not borne out by the experience of those States in which the prohibition to manufacture or import has been enforced.

"Our advice now is that which we gave before the meeting of Parliament, that every elector throughout the length and breadth of the land who thinks this a question of vital importance, should make his views respectfully, but emphatically known to the member who represents his opinions in the Provincial Parliament; and if the electors, by a majority, are unanimous in demanding the law, they will assuredly obtain it from the Parliament now assembled. We have great faith in the force of public opinion unequivocally expressed. A case in point has just occurred in the mother country, which, we presume, is correctly given, and which, if correct, is a favorable precedent. On the 9th October, the *London Times*, writing of the royal sports and stag hunts at Balmoral, and of the deadly contests in the Crimea, says:—'Somehow or other, it jars upon our feelings to give in one column the

list of the killed and wounded in these bloody battles, and in another the pithy announcement of the Court Circular to the effect that the Queen and her courtiers are amusing themselves in the heart of the Scottish highlands, as though the lives of her bravest subjects were not in such jeopardy.'

"The *Times* continues, deprecatingly, that it does not seek to offend, but to sound, as the exponent of public opinion, a warning, and adds,—'That which we have written in the most careful and guarded manner, is uttered everywhere in London, in terms not so careful and not so guarded.'

"And now mark the result! The newspaper reaches Balmoral on the 10th, and on the 11th the Court is en route for the South, the hunting appointments are abruptly broken off, and on the 13th the noble lady, ever ready to bow to public opinion, and who by this very deference commands the enthusiastic love of her people, is again in her capital of London, and has called her ministers, always at this season absent from the metropolis, back from their pleasant watering places and partridge covers to her side, and gives public and indisputable evidence of the respect she pays to the feelings and opinions of her subjects. Let the people of the Canadas show to Parliament that they are earnest and sincere in offering to submit to the prohibition and privation of fermented drinks, and it needs no gift of political prophecy to foretell the result."

### Social Meeting with Neal Dow Division.

On Friday evening, November 3, the brethren of Neal Dow Division invited a select party of friends to take Tea with them at their rooms in Great St. James Street. The special object of this social gathering was to afford an opportunity to the Division and other friends to testify their esteem for a beloved brother, and their regret on the occasion of his removal from Montreal. Brother Watson and his amiable lady were, therefore, the guests of the evening. The arrangements were excellent, and Bro. Birch did his best for the gratification of all in the matter of tea, coffee, and edibles. The music and singing under the management of our indefatigable Brother Pearson, was really charming. Brother Scott, the W.P. of Neal Dow Division, after Tea, stated the object of the meeting, and then read the following

ADDRESS TO C. P. WATSON, ESQ., P. W. P. AND W. A.  
OF NEAL DOW DIVISION.

WORTHY BROTHER,—There are periods in our social history when the sentiments and emotions of sorrow and joy are so strangely commingled that it is scarcely possible to assure ourselves which of them exert a predominant influence over the mind. The occasion of this our meeting together may be considered as one of those peculiar times, because our sorrow at the thought of your removal from amongst us is modified by the reminiscence of many years of delightful and profitable intercourse, and by the unqualified confidence authorised by the experience of the past, that wherever the sphere of your labours may be, you will not fail to accelerate the progress of Temperance, and assist in the attainment of the consummation of the highest and brightest hopes of the friends of this benevolent enterprise.