

the small amount of liquor which was consumed per head. I think it is a subject on which we can quite fairly congratulate ourselves, and it is also a matter of congratulation that those schools and those methods of raising the character of the coming generation, which have been in operation for many years in other parts of Europe, are now generally adopted in Canada. But I think the hon. gentleman from Sarnia, and my hon. friend from Ottawa have been rather too hasty. They would not give time for those causes to operate upon the community. They sought rather to deal with a great and crying evil by a means which, in their judgment, was the best and only means, yet a means which experience has shown to be a failure. We should therefore proceed in the path we have been following, and by raising the tastes, increasing the culture of our people, give them tastes and habits which are altogether incompatible with intemperance. How could you expect a youth or a maiden who has been educated on the scale I have described—who has acquired some knowledge of music, and a taste for the fine-arts, could fall into the degraded state that I am quite sure my hon. friends would be only too glad to rescue them from, but I think they have mistaken the means.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL.—It is near six o'clock, and I think it would be better if the hon. gentleman would move the adjournment of the debate.

HON. MR. HAYTHORNE moved that the debate be adjourned until Monday next.

The motion was agreed to.

### THIRD READING.

Bill (73), "An Act to incorporate the Alberta & Athabaska Railway Company." (Mr. Vidal) was read the third time and passed without debate.

The Senate adjourned at six p.m.

## THE SENATE.

*Ottawa, Monday, April 27th, 1885.*

The SPEAKER took the Chair at three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

## THE NORTH-WEST REBELLION.

### INQUIRY.

HON. MR. HAYTHORNE—I wish to ask the leader of the Government a question of which I have not given notice. It is whether, in the course of the unhappy troubles which exist in the North-West, any proclamation calling upon the rebels to lay down their arms and retire to their homes has been issued by the Government, or whether any encouragement has been held forth for them so to do?

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—No such proclamation has been issued, so far as I know. I have not heard of any.

## PAWNBROKERS' BILL.

### SECOND READING.

HON. MR. GOWAN moved the second reading of Bill (R), "An Act to make further provision respecting Pawnbrokers." He said: I hope, in a few words, to lay before you a brief Bill which I think will be found a desirable one in the interest of the administration of justice, and a necessary one to protect a class of persons who are ill able to protect themselves. It is an amendment in the Pawnbrokers' Act which provides in one of the clauses that where the sum loaned does not exceed 50 cents, the sum of  $\frac{7}{8}$  of a cent. a month may be charged, and in another clause provides that if the sum exceeds \$20 the pawnbroker may take upon all beyond that amount after the rate of 5 cents for every \$4 by the month, and so on in proportion for any fractional sum. This enactment is found in the Consolidated Statutes of Canada cap. 61, in section 10 and the subsequent section, but there is no provision in that Act making it penal for the pawnbroker to take a larger amount than the sum