

other members of Temperance Societies at the office of J. C. Becket, Great St. James Street.

I remain, Brothers,
yours in L. P. & F.,
W. EASTON,
D. G. W. P.

Montreal, 10th March, 1853.

THE OLD TRAP.—Rev Henry Ward Beecher, who bids fair to become as famous for his wit as for his eloquence, makes the following shrewd reply to those disinterested people who ask temperance men why they don't enforce the old laws against rum-selling instead of framing new ones, like that of Maine. The reader can judge whether he drives the nail home and clinches it: "It is said, why don't you execute the present laws? This puts me in mind of an old rat, who, sleek and fat, coming out of his hole, sees a new trap. He walks around it, peeps into it, nibbles at it, and finds that it is not like the old one—it is all wire, and there is no getting out of it. So he goes to the keeper of the house and says: "Why are you not satisfied with the wooden bottom, through which I have crawled forty times? So with these old liquor rats; they know how to evade them; they can crawl almost through anything, but they don't like the Maine law. These men can tell what the law means. The outcry which they now make, leads me to think that they smell fire. I never was so much in favor of the law as when I found out how rumsellers opposed it."

HOW TO GAIN A CHARACTER FOR CLEMENCY.—Having (says the *Gatheshead Observer*) got the appointment of President, and coveting some higher title, take the people by surprise, and drive into exile every man of whom you are afraid. Then, having accomplished your ends, and placed yourself, as you think, securely in your seat, allow the exiles to return, and complacently accept from your courtiers their laudations of your "clemency!"

TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT.

COUNTY OF PERTH.

THE Subscriber invites his fellow settlers in the COUNTY OF PERTH, of which STRATFORD is the County Town, to aid him in promoting the circulation of INFORMATION on the important subject of TEMPERANCE and the MAINE LIQUOR LAW in the County.

He desires not any monied influence, but only that which he deems is in the power of every man and woman to afford, namely,—the assisting the distribution of Printed Papers, bearing on the above subjects, and the inducing all to peruse them, and to notice the facts which may be referred to.

He intends to put in the hands of every family in the County, a Temperance Publication, and he only wishes and expects the assistance of its inhabitants (to nearly all of whom he is well known,) to forward his views in the circulation, distribution, and reading of them. The Publications will be such as, he hopes, will not disturb the religious or political feelings of any person.

At the same time, as the importance of the consideration of TEMPERANCE and the MAINE LIQUOR LAW, has been referred to universally by the Press, he invites leading men and others in other Counties, to consider whether such a movement as this should not be made in their localities. There are two Publications he can refer to, as so worthy of perusal, that he hopes a mere reference to them is sufficient:—1. Dr. Guthrie of Edinburgh's "Plea against Drunkenness" (which has been copied *seriatim* in the "Spirit of the Age," Hamilton,) and—2. "Use and Abuse of Alcoholic Liquors in Health and Disease," by Dr. Carpenter, price 1s3d. only, at Hamilton and other places.

JOHN J. E. LINTON.

Stratford, 7th Feb., 1853.

MONTREAL WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

Compiled for the *Montreal Witness*, Wednesday,
March 30, 1853.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

ASHES.—Sales of shipping lots of both sorts have been made at 27s 6d, which is the present quotation.

FLOUR.—Having been sold for May delivery, at 23s, continues dull at that price.

WHEAT.—Nothing doing.

OATS.—Sales at 1s 8½d to 1s 9½d.

PEAS.—Held at 3s 7½d—no sales.

PORK.—Still quoted at 65s, 70s, and 95s, but no demand at those prices.

BUTTER.—Some parcels have been offered at 6½d to 7d—no demand.

Stocks.—Bank of Montreal, 25½ to 26 per cent prem. Transfer book closed at present. City Bank continues at 2½ per cent premium, but not much sought. Commercial remains at 10½ per cent premium. Bank of Upper Canada is saleable at par. Bank du Peuple offering at par.

EXCHANGE continues at 10 per cent prem. For Bank 60 days.

RAILROAD STOCKS.—Sales of St. Lawrence and Atlantic at 10 per cent discount; Montreal and New York at 19 per cent discount, with an upward tendency. St. Lawrence and Champlain, 27½ per cent discount.

MONTREAL MINING CONSOLS.—Sales since last report at 31s 3d.

CITY GAS STOCK.—10 per cent discount offered.

GOVERNMENT DEBENTURES, bearing 6 per cent—several small amounts have been sold at 5 per cent prem. and interest, and not easily obtained at that.

HARDWARE.—Prices firm—stocks low. No alteration in prices since our last.

GROCERIES.—No change.

OHEIM TOMS HUTTE.

A supply of Uncle Tom's Cabin in German just received, 2s. 6d each.

For sale by

JOHN DOUGALL,

183 St. Paul Street.

The above work can be sent y post for 6d.

Montreal, March 30, 1853.

JUST PUBLISHED.

THE TRIAL OF ALCOHOL,

As it took place during three evenings, before a crowded audience in Quebec, in March last.

THE fatal results arising from the use of Intoxicating Liquors as a Beverage, are prominently exposed.

It contains the usual Legal Forms and Proceedings of a Criminal Trial. The Opening of the Court; Arraignment of the Prisoner; Empanelling of the Jury; Opening Address of Attorney General; Direct and Cross Examination of Witnesses for the Prosecution; Opening Address of Prisoner's Counsel; Direct and Cross-Examination of Witnesses for Defence; Closing Address of Attorney-General; Chief Justice's Charge; Verdict; Petition of Prisoner and Sentence.

It will be issued in neat pamphlet form, containing 36 pages, at 4tl. each, 3s. 6d. per dozen, or 22s. 6d. per 100. As the edition is limited, an early application is requested, post paid, to J. C. Becket, Montreal; *Canadian Watchman* Office, Toronto; or Quebec *Gazette* Office, Quebec.

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