## ESSAY ON INTEMPERANCE.

1,675,918 gallons. Of the kinds of grain included in the above, there is no mention of barley. But there is a separate table of the barley made into malt, and I find of that grain 348,475 bushels, which does not appear to be included in the above totals. Reduce those to bushels and we have at least 1,700,000, and a total of above 2,000,000 bushels."

This at a dollar a bushel, a low average, amounts to \$2,-000;000 which might properly be added to the amountabove mentioned.

Compare this enormous liquor bill of the country with all its other expenses. The following is the account for the ear ending June 20, 1869.

"It includes first, the interest of the public debt, charges of management, premium on exchange, sinking fund and redemption of public debt, the total of these being \$,6,533,-737.40; only a few thousands more than imported liquors cost the Dominion. Take the next item, 'Civil Government,' which includes the salary of the Governor General and the salaries of the Lieutenant-Governors of the several Provinces, and yet the total is only, (I write in view of the liquor bill) only \$651,366.66. The estimates for the "Administration of Justice," require \$440,150. The whole expenses of "Legisl. tion," including miscellaneous items, amounts to the *trijling* sum of \$483,183. Without further details, we give the total, \$17,960,911.84 as the Dominion estimates, \$140,099 less than our liquor estimates."

And what do we receive for this liquor expenditure? What but a harvest of crime, wretchedness, disease and pauperism.

"Nearly a thousand convicts are found in the Kingston Penitentiary at the close of 1867. The Reformatory of Ontario had in it, during 1866, over 200 youths, and that of Quebec 129, mostly the victims of the intemperance of

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