

consequence than a Fenian proclamation, or a "message" from the lunatic, George Francis Train. The *Montreal Herald and Witness*, in the usual jumble-style with which those organs manage to treat questions they do not understand, vented forth their respective columns of editorial bosh, which served to fill their papers, but not to increase admiration of the judgment of their editors. Certain practitioners, too, having taken legal advice, expressed their determination to resist the requirements of the law. But "a change came over the spirit of their dream." Editors and lawyers have been proven fallible, and it is now believed that our legislators did know what they were about when they passed a *retroactive* law; and that in spite of legal advice to the contrary, the dental Act was intended to be, and can be enforced.

The Quebec Board fully determined to show these wiseacres that they could enforce the law, and in one particular instance, which, if we are not mistaken, is without a parallel in the history of dentistry or medicine in Canada. In Section 17, the Act provides that the Board must be "further satisfied that he (the applicant for license) is a *person of integrity and good moral character*;" and with one of the applicants for license at the last meeting of the Board, a test was determined upon.

Some months ago, an individual named C. H. Stewart, hung out his shingle in Montreal, and attracted considerable attention by the lowness of his prices, and the marvellous promises he made. Without any trouble or investigation on the part of the Board, documents and a photograph were produced at the last meeting, identifying Mr. Stewart as a dentist named C. Sill, who ran away from Pittsburg, Pa., with a woman named Kate Fry, leaving a wife and several children in a state of destitution; and that the said Kate Fry was living with him as his wife. A Montreal comic paper, *The Free Lance*, got hold of the circumstances, and as our readers will see below, made Mr. Stewart's name still more notorious in the eyes of the Montreal public. After such publicity, the Board determined to reject Mr. Stewart's application, and did reject it, on the sole grounds of "immoral character." So satisfied was Mr. S. of the position of the Board, that he at once retired from the profession.

Nothing will win more respect for Canadian law, than just such action on the part of corporate bodies who have the legal power to rid society of the contamination of scoundrels and knaves, who escape Sing-Sing, and expect to find position and honor in our Dominion. If such an individual merited punishment in the eyes of the civil law—and that no honest man will deny—then it is fortunate for society that a Dental Board of Examiners possessed and used the power to expose such unnatural conduct. Not only every **licentiate**, but every good citizen has a personal interest in at least