

—*The Cost of Drink.*—The Rev. Canon Jenkins, at the Anniversary of the Church of England Temperance Reformation Society, last month, said among other things:

“Put an end to the drinking customs of the country, and there would be abundant funds for all the religious societies of the land. Abolish them throughout the world, and there would be no complaint of want of success abroad. The cost of drink was immense, besides the destruction of food it produced. Drink destroyed food enough in a year to maintain seven millions of people for the same space of time. Drinking and smoking taxes made up more than half the entire taxation of the country, more than twelve times as much as the poor-rate; indeed, it has been calculated by the Government that drink costs 88½ millions sterling per annum. Nor was that all. We had 700,000 paupers, costing £7,000,000 a year; 100,000 criminals costing £4,000,000; 22,000 police costing £1,500,000; 24,000 lunatics costing £850,000; 1,200 hospitals costing £300,000; 4,000 suicides and executions costing £15,000; 20,000 beggars costing £260,000; with 300,000 fallen women, and 600,000 habitual drunkards. Put all these figures together, adding £20,000,000, as the value of labor lost to society, and it resulted that the cost of this poison was the enormous sum of 100 millions, for it was drink that was the mainspring expenditure. All our national vices, pauperism, lunacy, &c., flowed from it; and lamentable it was to think that the poison cost ninety times as much as the whole collections for all the societies engaged in promoting religion and morality. The working classes in the United Kingdom spent every week in drink a sum of £1,100,000 sufficient to banish pauperism and supply a copy of God's Holy Word, not only to every family, but to every man, woman, and child in the empire.”—*Ex.*

**Meteorology.**

—From the Records of the Montreal Observatory, Lat. 45°31 North; Long., 4h. 51m. 11 sec. West of Greenwich, and 182 feet above mean sea level,—for October, 1870,—by Chas. Smallwood, M.D., LL.D., D.C.L.

DAYS.	Barometer corrected at 32°			Temperature of the Air.			Direction of Wind.			Miles in 24 hours.
	7 a.m.	2 p.m.	9 p.m.	7 a.m.	2 p.m.	9 p.m.	7 a.m.	2 p.m.	9 p.m.	
1	29.843	29.961	30.098	55.1	70.6	60.2	NE	NE	NE	214.00
2	30.213	30.251	163	53.7	75.0	62.2	NE	WSW	NE	123.12
3	0.24	20.906	29.850	55.6	58.0	53.0	NE	SW	SW	87.20
4	29.811	744	910	50.1	51.4	49.7	NE	NE	N	110.00
5	30.102	30.200	30.299	48.0	59.7	52.0	NE	NE	NE	212.44
6	428	434	499	43.7	67.0	47.8	NE	NE	NE	300.11
7	500	422	400	40.1	70.1	48.7	NE	NE	NE	107.24
8	349	312	261	44.6	75.2	56.7	NE	NE	WSW	94.29
9	223	201	170	52.1	75.2	58.1	W	W	W	104.12
10	152	149	000	52.3	73.6	57.4	W	W	NE	211.10
11	29.989	29.917	29.710	56.7	76.4	57.1	NE	NE	SW	97.21
12	711	704	680	58.0	76.2	60.2	SW	W	W	104.00
13	675	669	670	54.1	70.4	52.2	SW	SW	SW	191.10
14	862	947	30.000	46.0	68.2	48.4	W	W	W	204.21
15	30.048	30.097	160	48.0	64.7	50.7	W	SW	SW	77.60
16	215	130	100	52.4	77.4	62.0	SW	SW	SW	90.00
17	100	098	000	60.2	58.1	52.8	SW	W	W	144.12
18	29.361	29.614	29.948	53.2	42.3	36.1	W	W	W	191.10
19	30.070	979	925	34.0	52.1	44.0	W	W	W	516.17
20	29.499	299	341	42.0	44.8	42.2	SW	SW	SW	241.11
21	625	744	801	40.7	58.6	47.4	W	W	W	69.74
22	950	30.031	30.175	45.1	62.2	48.0	W	W	W	104.17
23	30.600	591	571	36.0	59.7	44.0	W	W	W	197.41
24	362	299	075	44.0	71.1	52.2	W	SW	SW	90.20
25	29.861	29.924	094	59.6	53.4	44.0	SW	SW	N	101.00
26	30.400	30.462	30.500	32.1	53.0	35.0	N	NE	NE	97.44
27	301	29.750	29.674	30.7	36.2	37.1	W	SW	SW	84.10
28	29.847	940	30.000	37.4	54.2	36.3	W	wbyN	wbyN	228.41
29	30.000	30.174	231	35.7	44.2	35.0	wbyN	N	N	97.12
30	300	211	000	33.7	46.0	37.9	N	N	sbyE	84.70
31	29.461	29.522	29.601	35.7	43.0	35.2	sbyE	W	W	101.11

The highest reading of the Barometer was on the 23rd day, 30.600 inches, and the lowest was on the 20th day, and was 29.299 inches, giving a monthly range of 1.301 inches. The highest temperature was on the 16th day, and was 77° 4. The mean temperature of the month was 52° 18. Rain fell on 13 days, amounting to 5.853 inches. Snow fell on 2 days amounting to 1.32 inches. The first snow of Autumn fell on the 29th day in inappreciable quantity.

Snow-birds were seen on the 30th day. A smart shock of an earthquake took place at 11.17 a. m., on the morning of the 20th day. Aurora Borealis was very fine. A very heavy gale of wind occurred on the 10th day, causing considerable damage to the shipping in the river.

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