

## DOMESTIC NEWS.

The *British American Medical Journal* at Montreal, has been discontinued. This augurs but little for the enterprise of Medical men.

Honorable Francis Hawks has left Canada for England, for the purpose of organizing the loan to construct the Great Trunk Railway.

Whilst the winter in America has been severer than has been felt for twenty years, in Europe it is said to have been very mild.

In St. Louis the Thermometer was at one time in February 7 degrees below zero.

The *Examiner* New-paper at Toronto has come out in favor of the Maine Law. We are glad of this because this paper is extensively read and has much influence with farmers.

In Ernestown, licensed Taverns have been reduced near one half. This is generally the case all over Canada with the exception of our good City.

The Population of Dundas is 3519, there having been an increase in one year of more than 1000.

It is said by the *Quebec Gazette* that there is every probability that the St. Lawrence will be thrown open to all nations in the course of this year. This would be a most desirable thing.

The *Quebec Gazette* also says that the Canadian Government have determined on establishing a line of Ocean steamers, to run between Quebec, Montreal and Liverpool in connection with the Great Trunk Railway.

The celebrated Dr. Layard, famous for his discoveries at Nineveh, has been appointed under Secretary for Foreign affairs in England.

The Canadian proposition to carry out the Trunk Railway by a Southern route, has been carried in the Legislature of New Brunswick by a vote of 31 in favor to 6 against.

There is every probability that the Railroad from this city to Guelph will proceed, the necessary amount of Stock having been subscribed.

The population of Toronto is over 39,000.

**Crime in Montreal.**—The *Montreal Pilot* of the 31st January, gives a report of the Chief Officer of Police, of the amount of crime in that City committed during 1851. This report proves the incontrovertible fact, that most of the crimes arise from intemperance. Upon the ground of public utility and morality then we say that no license law should exist in Canada. The total number of crimes was 2533. Of these 1883 were male and 670 female offenders. Of 1290 of the offences arose from intemperance. Males 1040, females 254, boys 16. Now this is the report of a man, we presume not over friendly to teetotalism. If the balance of the crimes be strictly enquired into, it will be found that more than half arose indirectly from the use of alcoholic drinks. Thirty-one inquests were held, probably over dissipated victims. The crimes chiefly occurred in the warm months of June, July and August, when ardent spirits are generally drunk. Men of thought consider this.

## FOREIGN NEWS.

Louis Napoleon has asked the consent of Austria to transfer the remains of Bonaparte son of the Duke of Reichstadt, to France, which request has been acceded to.

A change in the British Ministry has taken place since our last. Lord John Russell suddenly resigned and the Earl of Derby, late Lord Stanley, a conservative, has taken a place as prime minister, with others of less note. The effect of the change will be to cause a policy to be pursued by England more in accordance with despotic rule in Europe, and probably to modify the Corn laws to some extent. Lord John Russell just before his resignation introduced into parliament a new Reform bill. It was probably a ruse to gain popularity at the coming elections. The immediate cause of the defeat was an amendment moved by Lord Palmerston to the local militia bill of Lord John Russell.

A great debate has taken place in the British Parliament with respect to the merits of Lord Palmerston's resignation. Some part of the English press side with the latter, and some with the late ministry. It is probable that the whole difficulty arose from a little jealousy between the two ministers, there being very little difference of opinion as to the propriety of the conduct of Lord Palmerston. It seems that the ministry approved indirectly of the coup d'état of Napoleon. This approval is ex-

pressed too, in opposition to the opinion of the British press. Such conduct on the part of a Reform ministry in England is extraordinary. Aristocratic policy will be found the same all the world over when analyzed. We never had much confidence in the principles of Lord John. He is a time-serving man. A great and noble deed should have been taken on the side of freedom against Napoleon and his usurpation.

## DUFFIN'S CREEK SOIREE.

We had no room to allude to a few facts in reference to this Soiree in our last. The Canton Division during 1851, although numbering only about 30 members, by their exertions erected a Temperance Hall which cost about £200; no greater proof of the energy of a Division is needed. On the 27th February, this Division with a few days' notice had a pleasant Soiree, at which over 200 persons, including all the respectable people of the vicinity, attended. We saw four justices of the peace there, and three ministers were on the platform. An excellent tea had been provided before we came. The Rev. Mr. Starr gave the audience a very superior address. During the evening the Chairman, the Rev. Mr. Waddle, expressed himself delighted with the meeting, and also expressed his determination to join the Division. This was no sooner done than Mr. Bostwick a magistrate of the vicinity said, if the Rev. Mr. Waddle would set the example, he too would join the Sons. Tremendous applause followed this determination. It pleased us to see Francis Leys, Esq. there, and also Wm. Dunbar Esq., both magistrates, and Postmaster F. R. Whitney, Esq., all approving of the good cause. We trust these elderly worthy citizens will not fail to become members, honorary or otherwise of this Society, of Sons.

## THE BROUGHAM DIVISION.

Have got their Hall completed, and are doing well. They held a meeting there in February, and we understand they also held one there last week. There are some very worthy Sons in this Division. We heard of a matter at this place when there, to which we intend to allude in our next, greatly to the credit of the Division.

## BRUNSWICKHILL DIVISION.

Numbers about 40 members, and is situate in a fine agricultural country. There are some beautiful farms there. We stopped at the houses of several of the Sons, who seem very well off. The Division might be much increased, and we hope will be during the coming summer.

## PHILANTHROPIC DIVISION, SUMMERVILLE.

Is the name of a new Division just formed near Cooksville in this county. It is started by good men and under favourable circumstances. By Fretter, D. G. W. P. of Mimico Division, organized it last month in the presence of a large attendance from the Mimico and Lambton Divisions. We called upon several of the members, among them Brothers Coates, Robinson, Pierce, Coulson and Savage, and found them just the right sort of men to adhere to the cause. We hope they will use their efforts among their neighbors to get them into the Division.

The Mimico Division are putting up a Temperance Hall.

The Lambton Division intend holding a Soiree this month. The Ladies there are busy in getting up a banner to present on the occasion.

**St. George, Downtown.**—The Division of Sons here held a spirited meeting on the 27th of February, at which that ardent friend of the cause, the Rev. Mr. Nixson spoke at great length. The attendance was large and the speeches very good.

Br Wm. M. Merrill informs us that he will lecture at Unbridge on the 19th March; Prince Albert on the 20th; Whitby, Four Corners, on the 22nd; Belleville 23rd, Onno 24th, Peterboro 25th, Warsaw 26th, Norwood 27th, Crook's Rapids 29th, Rawdon West 30th, Rawdon East 31st March.

New Divisions are just started in the Township of Carleton, one at Parr's meeting house, and one at Hall's Corners, No. 355 and 356, also a Union of Daughters of Temperance, is about to be started in the same Township.

In Pelham, this year, they license no Inns at all; it is also so in Cambon and Cantow.

Richmond Hill meeting 11th inst., were numerous, and it is said to have been one of the best got up, and most enthusiastic meetings that have taken place during the year. Bro Gregory, Dr. Russell and Chas. of Boston, addressed the audience.

## LOWER BRITISH PROVINCES.

A Bill has been introduced in the Legislature Brunswick, similar to the Maine Law, and petitions from all parts of the Province, have been sent to support it. We fear however that it will not pass. It seems the petition for the enactment of the same, signed by 10,000 people. J. M. Johnson, Esq., Member and Son of Temperance, against the almost voice of the order in that Province, opposes upon some flimsy and contemptible grounds. I just read his speech reported in the *Telegraph* paper deservedly and severely annuladverts on it more silly piece of false reasoning and puerile never read. The speech is a disgrace to any man contrary to facts, truth, and experience. Such is wholly unworthy of the votes of Sons, and incapable of understanding his duty, either as a laborer, or a member of a grand temperance league that of the Order of the Sons of Temperance. Johnson, the active and efficient G. W. P., takes a different view from this miserable twaddling fellow, sickening it is to see such a man placed in an eminent and responsible position.

The cause in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia however in a prosperous state. We doubt not the people there will have the Maine Law in a few years.

The grand principle of our order is purity of heart; and every day convinces us that we must be careful not to introduce amongst us too many men, actuated by no other principles than dishonesty. The language of such a man as this New Brunswick Legislator, is eminently calculated to injure our cause.

## TOWN OF BELLEVILLE AND ITS SONS.

The town of Belleville contains over 4000 inhabitants and we are delighted to see that a strong feeling has been kindled there in favor of temperance. We have no political paper in Canada, not immediately connected with the temperance cause, come out with an article, and straightforward an article, as appeared in the *Intelligencer* in the last issue of this paper, does the editor infinite honor, since no doubt he is at the risk of much patronage. We sincerely trust the Sons of this vicinity will appreciate such conduct, and the article in our columns to day, copied from the *Intelligencer*, it will be seen that there is soon to be a County Temperance Convention held in Belleville, composed of Sons and others friendly to the cause. The object of the convention is to effect legislation to put down the license system. Not long since Hangerford Division held a spirited Soiree, very attended by the farmers in this neighborhood. It appeared in a late *Intelligencer* from Br. B. Pashly, a very active friend, giving an account of a grand dinner was given to 250 gentlemen, a day passed off with great hilarity and good fellowship. Bro. Faint, Esq. late M. P., presided at the dinner. An excellent Band was in attendance.

**TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.**—We are happy to see that the Sons of Temperance are taking steps to hold a Grand Temperance Convention to be held in this town, on the eighteenth instant, to consider the propriety of petitioning the Legislature (for the suppression of the traffic in ardent spirits in this Province) in support of petition for the despatch of the Maine Liquor Law. The Convention is to be composed of Delegates of each Division of Sons and each of the old Temperance Societies, in fact, each place where the friends of the cause may be found, and they are known as organized bodies or not, to send Delegates to it. No stone should be left unturned to secure a general co-operation, as we feel confident a large majority of the inhabitants of this Township are ready to support the movement by all legitimate means in their power. We think we overrate their good sense, or the support they will give to the effort in making this statement. We devote this movement may be but the beginning of a series of measures that will make the tables of the Legislature groan under the ponderousness of the Petitions that will be presented at the next session of Parliament. *Intelligencer*, March.

Concord Division in King is we are doing well. It numbers now upwards of 49 members. Brownsville Division is not doing so well.

All that is required in these Divisions is the part of the leading members.