

year a member of committee of the Montreal Temperance Society was called upon, and *volens volens* the name-hunter commenced writing the gentleman's signature on four or five petitions. A few days ago, a Chief Officer in the Order of the Sons of Temperance was remonstrated with for unneighborliness, in refusing to sign an application for a man he did not know.

The applications for license from 1st of next month are now being got ready. There is one person who states he has 17 on hand, for the completion of which he will be paid \$4 each. Another individual (the carrier of a city daily newspaper) has 25, for which he expects an average of \$2.50 each; while another person (alleged to be unable either to read or write) has from 8 to 12, for which he is to get from 10s. to 12s. 6d. a piece! Had the license committee acted as the law and public morality demanded, a large number of applications would have been peremptorily rejected last year. Instead of that, the city suffers from a brood of fashionable Valhallas and miserable stews, saloons, recesses, and rum-holes, whence issue unspeakable evils as from a dread Pandora's box. Here is the illustration:—

**TABLE.**—*Shewing the number of licensed Inns, Taverns and Shops, in Montreal, with the population by the census of 1851, the number of municipal electors, and supposed population in 1860.*

WARDS.	INNS AND TAVERNS.	SHOPS.	POPULATION IN 1851.	SUPPOSED POPULATION IN 1860.	MUNICIPAL ELECTORS.
Centre Ward.	19	4	2004	2779	289
West "	26	7	2580	3540	361
St. Ann's "	39	20	8599	11899	1773
St. Antoine "	32	4	9940	13790	1730
St. James' "	27	7	8447	11747	1331
East "	47	17	2285	3185	374
St. Lawrence "	50	8	8268	11468	1414
St. Louis "	21	11	9012	12462	1365
St. Mary's "	24	3	8580	9130	922
	285	81	57,715	80,000	9,559

Accordingly, there are 366 places within the city limits, licensed to sell intoxicating liquors—being one for every 219 of the population, one for every 44 families, or one for every 27 municipal electors.

But there is another feature of the evil—namely, a legion of unlicensed houses where intoxicating liquors are vended—in some instances secretly, the drink only being sold to such as give a preconcerted signal or pass-word,—in others openly and fearlessly, as can be de-