

the Sons of Temperance, and which we regard as well suited for the purpose; we should not omit to state that it was at first drawn up by the Guelph society, and has since met with universal approval:—

To the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Assembly in Parliament Assembled.

*The Petition of the Undersigned, Inhabitants of the Town—of—*

*Humbly Sheweth.*

That your Petitioners regard intemperance as a great moral, and social, evil, destructive of health, virtue and happiness, and producing only disease, lunacy and crime, entailing heavy burdens on society, and erecting a fatal barrier in the path of individual and national progress.

That your Petitioners regard Total Abstinence from the use of intoxicating liquors as the only effectual means of prevention or cure of this great evil, but while rejoicing that many thousands of their fellow countrymen in this Province are persuaded of the truth of these statements and act on such persuasion, your petitioners regret that many from interested motives, consequent on their peculiar avocations, or from the blinded influence of vitiated appetites, are in this matter, still unmoved, and apparently unmovable by the remonstrances of moral suasion.

That your Petitioners deem it the duty of a wise and patriotic government in such circumstances to protect the community from the immense pecuniary sacrifices, the mental and physical maladies, the outrages on life and property, and the moral contamination consequent on the use of Alcoholic Beverages.

Your Petitioners, therefore pray your Honorable House to pass a Legislative Enactment, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

It will require to be signed in triplicate for the three branches of the government, and the heading of course will be changed accordingly. Should any of the friends in the country desire copies of the petition, we have a few on hand which they may have without charge.

Since the above was written, we have seen the following in the *Telegraph*, published in St John's N. B., it is just what we had expected:—

#### THAT RUMOUR.

We notice a statement in one or two of the papers to the effect that the Bill for suppressing the sale of liquors, passed at the last session of the House, has been refused the Royal assent. An attentive friend at Head Quarters has sent us the following communication in relation to this rumor.

Fredericton, 26th June, 1852.

WORTHY BROTHER,

I presume you have seen it stated in the *Loyalist* that her Majesty had disallowed the Liquor Bill passed last winter. I have it from the *best authority* that this is not the case; but on the contrary, this Bill will in due time be confirmed by Her Majesty's Government.

Yours, very truly,  
ASA COY.

#### New Division.

We are glad to learn that on the 11th of May, a Division of the Sons of Temperance was organized in Clarence, by Bro. D. G. W. P. Higgins of Vankleeckhill. May they go on and prosper.

#### Fourth Section.

As was to be expected from the evident sincerity and unanimity which characterized the proceedings of the Grand Division of Canada West on the Maine Liquor Law, no time has been lost, for we find that the Sub-Committees are already at work. In the *Brookville Recorder* of the 24th ult., we find a list of appointments for the Fourth Division, of which W. H. Ellerbeck, A. B. Pardee

and E. Perry, Jr., are the Sub-Committee. We are sorry that it did not reach us in time for our number of the first, as these are out of date for the present number. We hope, however, that the brethren have made ample arrangements in the districts and towns they intend to visit, that we may have a full and fair expression of the opinion of the population on this most important measure. We hope they will not be discouraged by the report that the Queen has disallowed the New Brunswick bill. If it is true, which we are inclined to doubt, it should only spur us up the more to prove that the country really wants such a measure, and no doubt it will be granted.

Before leaving this subject we would suggest that such an arrangement might be made between the two Grand Divisions as to have the petitions from Canada West presented to the Legislature at the same time with those of Canada East on the same subject. No doubt the proper authorities will see to this.

#### Shefford County.

We are sorry to hear that the Municipal Council for the above county, have, at a *special meeting*, granted ten licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors. We feel grieved at this, not only because we had, in a previous number, given the Council credit for refusing all applicants for licenses of this kind, but because of the real injury this act of the Council will entail on the community. We have sadly misunderstood the meaning and intent, (we cannot say for the wording, for we were not favoured with a copy as it was passed.) of this law, if the Council can, at a special meeting, grant licenses, after having refused them at the regular meeting, when it was understood all applications should be made; but, no doubt the friends of the cause, in that quarter, will look well into this point. One thought presses itself upon us at the moment we write, where were the teetotal members of the Council? Were they not invited? Did they stay purposely away? For we would not for a moment suppose that the opinion of a certain Q. C., especially when they had the benefit of what the Quebec judges had done, would so alter the views of the Council.

#### Notices respecting Contemporaries, &c.

The *Weekly Advertiser*, of Prince Edward's Island, contains a prospectus of a new Temperance Journal, to be issued monthly. It is to be quarto, 8 pages, and of good paper, with new type; price 3s per annum. We wish our brother success in his undertaking.

*Frederick Douglass' Paper* contains a letter from Gerritt Smith about as long as a President's Message, all about Koseuth. It is a very able letter, but seems to be summed up in this sentence—“I sympathise neither with the most favorable nor with the most unfavorable opinions entertained of Koseuth.”

*The Temperance Battery*—yes, Battery—a title used by Brother Snow in a military sense, we doubt not. A valuable auxiliary in the great battle, and so situated on the Mississippi as to do good service both in Missouri and Illinois. Go on brother—but you need no stimulating word of ours. Persevere as you have begun, and you will have the 10,000 subscribers you ask for.—Send yours in exchange please.

The *R. I. Temperance Advocate* is not quite sure about the present position of General Pierce, the Democratic Candidate for the Presidency, as to his teetotalism. It seems he was all right, but may have got wrong in bad company.

The *Guelph Advertiser* is not without respectability, and there-