

and costs, and be imprisoned three months—and if the fine is not paid, two months more will be added. For the second offence, one year's imprisonment, in addition to the fines and costs.—*Id.*

CANADA TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE

"It is good neither to eat flesh, nor drink wine, nor do any thing by which thy brother is made to stumble, or to fall, or is weakened."—Rom. xiv. 21—*Macnight's Translation.*

PLEDGE OF THE MONTREAL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO AGREE, THAT WE WILL NOT USE INTOXICATING LIQUORS AS A BEVERAGE, NOR TRAFFIC IN THEM; THAT WE WILL NOT PROVIDE THEM AS AN ARTICLE OF ENTERTAINMENT, NOR FOR PERSONS IN OUR EMPLOYMENT; AND THAT IN ALL SUITABLE WAYS WE WILL DISCOURTAGE THEIR USE THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY

MONTREAL, APRIL 15, 1846.

COLONEL PRINCE'S SPEECH.

To the Editor of the *Canada Temperance Advocate*.

I am much pleased, and so are all the temperance people in this part of the country, to see that our cause has found its way into the House of Assembly in any shape. It is certain that a great proportion of all the drunkenness in our country and nation originates in the license laws, which emanate from our Legislative halls; and if our antidote does not originate from the same source, drunkenness, with all the pauperism, crime, ruin, and death, consequent upon its existence, must continue to the end. Deeming Colonel Prince's short, comprehensive, pathetic and able speech, of some importance, and finding more to admire than to condemn, in it, permit me to offer a few remarks upon it, in which I shall try to prove these four propositions, viz. :—

- 1stly. The Colonel is a man of great sympathy.
- 2ndly. He is a man of truth.
- 3rdly. He is a man of great penetration and wisdom.
- 4thly. He is an honest man.

And if I sustain them by fair inferences, I hope yet to see the Colonel a decided Teetotaler, and President of a Temperance Society.

1st Proposition.—The Colonel is a man of sympathy. It is true all his sympathy appears to be on the side of the "good cognac and whisky seller," but according to the Colonel's views, this is just as it should be; for if "a man cannot live without good cognac and whisky in this country," then it follows, of course that if we are not supplied "with good cognac and whisky," we must all, every man of us, immediately die; and then our country would be depopulated, and our habitations would be left desolate, &c. &c. Now I contend the Colonel is perfectly right in doing all he possibly can for the health, life, and welfare of his fellow-subjects, especially for his own constituents, by protecting the tavern-keepers among them.

2nd Proposition.—The Colonel is a man of truth. By a man of truth, I mean one whose language, thoughts, and actions are in accordance. He most solemnly declares "for his own part he had no great opinion of temperance people." Some of his reasons are—1. Because "he had always found them the greatest gluttons in the world." 2. Because "they would think nothing of bolting five pounds of beef, where another man would not take as many ounces." 3. Because "there was generally a sly bottle to be found in the cupboard."

Whilst I admit that these reasons, *wherever they exist*, are good and valid reasons why the Colonel should not think highly of temperance men, I acknowledge that I do not distinctly take the sense in which the Colonel uses the term "*bolting*." Does he

mean that we eat our five pounds of beef without mastication?—Or does he mean that we eat it fresh from the hands of the butcher? Or does he mean that we gormandize five pounds of good beef at every meal? Or does he mean that temperance people generally have such keen, sound, healthy appetites, that we eat five pounds of good beef, while our brandy and whisky drinking neighbours can only take five ounces? If this last supposition be the true one, then I admit that in many cases the Colonel is not very far wrong.

3rd Proposition.—The Colonel is a man of great penetration and wisdom. The truth and correctness of this proposition I hope to prove to the conviction and satisfaction of every lover of "good cognac and whisky" throughout the Province. There are thousands, if not millions, of people in the world, and some of them live in this Province, who *must* have their glass of brandy or whisky in the morning, to give them an appetite for their breakfast—they *must* have "their good horn of stuff" before dinner, or they have no appetite to eat anything. Now the Colonel has discovered that the temperance people can eat their *pounds* of beef, where others who *must* have their brandy and whiskey, can only eat their *ounces*—that is, according to Colonel Prince's own statement, a man who "says his grace over a cup of cold water," can eat just sixteen times as much good beefsteaks for his breakfast, as the man who takes his cognac and whiskey bitters, or "his good horn of stuff," for the purpose of inducing an appetite. Here is a discovery which manifests great penetration, and is especially worthy the attention of all who are seeking, for an appetite by means of brandy and whisky. All the talents, penetration, and wisdom of the Rev. R. Murray, of temperance memory, are not a beginning to this; and I hope in a short time to see the gallant and devoted Colonel Prince raising his battalions, marshalling his forces, and bravely coming up to the rescue, for who that is *compos mentes* will continue to seek for an appetite in brandy and whisky, when he can have just sixteen times better appetite by "saying his grace over a cup of cold water."

4th Proposition.—The Colonel is an honest man. There is no mistake on this head; he speaks from the heart—he speaks in accordance with the tenour of his education and life. It is true, he thinks, feels, and speaks very similarly, in reference to temperance principles, as one of old did, in reference to the Christian religion and the disciples of Christ, just before he set off from Jerusalem to Damascus; and who will presume to say that Saul was not a sincere and honest man, even while opposing the truth of the Gospel, and persecuting the disciples of Christ? Yet he obtained mercy because he did it ignorantly in unbelief.—(See 1st Tim. 1st and 13th.) And why, I would ask, may not Colonel Prince go and do likewise. The Colonel speaks also as one on whose mind a ray of light has dawned, and enabled him to make discoveries bearing directly on the advancement of the Temperance cause. A few more such brilliant rays, and the work is done. Our Col. will be converted. Let Colonel Prince study Dr. Sewell's plates of the human stomach for a few hours, or take the *Temperance Advocate* for a few months; and my decided opinion is, that he will be as firm, sincere, and efficient an advocate, as can be found between Sandwich and Quebec. He will then see where there is one man that dies by "eating," or even "*bolting*" beef and pork, and the *run of a pump*, there are thousands who die annually by the *run* "of cognac and whiskey" down their throats; their property is destroyed, their appetite is gone, their health is ruined, their families are beggared, their lives are ended, and their souls are lost.

With this brief analysis and commentary upon Colonel Prince's temperance speech, and hoping soon to hear that he has become