

knowing him to be such, on any day after eight o'clock in the afternoon in summer, under a penalty of five pounds for each offence."

Sec. 21. Revenue Inspector, or Deputy, to visit and examine every licensed house at least once a year, and prosecute for offences against this Act.

Sec. 26. "License to be constantly exposed in a conspicuous place and manner."

Sec. 35. Licenses of persons convicted under the act, "or of any felony," shall be revoked.

Sec. 36. List of Licensed houses to be published once a-year or oftener.

Sec. 37. Persons convicted of giving liquor to others, who afterwards, being intoxicated, commit suicide, &c., to be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor, and liable in fine or imprisonment.

Sec. 42. All suits under this act (except Sec. 37) to be brought in name of the Revenue Inspector.

16 Vic. cap. 214, (amendatory of the foregoing,) enacts:—

Sec. 2. The fifty municipal electors must reside in the ward for which license is asked.

Sec. 3. City Councils are required to verify the signatures attached to applications.

Sec. 4. And may require proof.

To ordinary minds, these provisions indicate a positive limitation of the traffic to such as comply with certain requirements. Those who grant licenses, must also investigate applications to secure conformity to these laws "for the repression of intemperance." In reference, however, to licenses granted by the City Council last year, little or no investigation was made respecting the signers of applications. True, the Chief of Police was required to examine and report upon a few cases, which were consequently refused, but *afterwards* granted. Then, as now, liquor-sellers' applications were hawked about for signature by persons who received from \$2.50 to \$4 for each (*including the swearing of it through, if necessary.*) In a certain instance, license was granted in one Ward, while the names on the application were evidently copied from one presented from another Ward; and this is understood not to be a solitary instance. One of the signature-solicitors employed last year to "get up" a number of applications, called on a butcher for his name, stating that he must sign *three* copies, one for the Mayor, one for the Council, and one for the Revenue Inspector; being too busy to examine, he signed thrice, but on a *fourth* being presented, he looked and saw he had been cheated into signing for so many different hotels and taverns, of the keepers of which he probably knew nothing at all! In this way houses of infamous reputation have procured license to sell liquor. The effrontery of some of the canvassers is only equalled by the baseness of the business. Last