

taken place this quarter than on any previous one. St. Lawrence Division is also getting on pretty well, though not so fast as I should like. It is composed principally of young men of energy, and some men of considerable ability, but I regret to learn that the initiations are fewer than we ought to expect this season of the year. The orchestra of Gough Division intend giving another musical entertainment at the New Concert Hall, St. Louis Street, on Saturday night next. The Hon. Malcolm Cameron is to occupy the Chair, and the Rev. Mr. Clark, the new Free Church minister is to address the meeting. These musical entertainments, combined with a little speaking are found to be productive of much good. I learn that an application has been sent to London, Canada West, for a charter to organise an encampment of the Knights of Temperance. "The more the merrier" is an old saying, and in reference to this cause a true one. A spirit of emulation is excited, and each strives with the other in arresting his fellow men from errors path. In my next I shall probably give you the fate of Mr. Cameron's bill.

T. W.

QUEBEC, 22d March, 1853.

MY DEAR SIR,—The Hon. M. Cameron's prohibitory liquor law is now fairly before the representatives of the people. It was brought up last evening, contrary to the expectations of many, who were under the impression that he would scarcely venture so bold a step as to bring such a measure up. Indeed it was thought, that it would be dodged off till it was "too late."

Mr. C. has now fully proved himself equal to his professions in the cause of temperance, and true to this great moral reform. Being elsewhere engaged in the same cause, I did not hear his introductory speech, but from all sources this morning, it is acknowledged to have been well prepared, and a powerful appeal to the hearts of his hearers. He is a good speaker, and I am not at all surprised at the effect said to have been produced. He insisted upon being heard, and was listened to. He took up the argument in several of its bearings, and closed his introduction (as I understood) by stating it to be his determination to exert himself to the utmost to secure the passing of the Bill through the House. The hon. gentleman was occasionally interrupted, among others by Dr. Laterriere, who attempted to ridicule the measure, and by Mr. Badgley, whose cheers were not unperceived, nor silently passed over.—While all the members were reminded of their duty to their fellow countrymen, and of the power which they possess to rid the Province of its deadliest cause, they were also warned of the consequences of delaying the attainment of so desirable an end. The ridicule of one member being met by sound argument, and the jeers of the member for Montreal being silenced by the fact, that there is a jail at Montreal fully tenanted, and by whom? Let the honorable member answer.

The debate was adjourned till this evening, a little after 10 o'clock. I sincerely hope that this measure will become law. If it does not this session, an organized movement must be set on foot, and every house in the Province, every tenant, male and female, must be visited; and petitions from every nook and corner of the country must be poured into the Halls of our Legislature at its next session. If the 80,000 petitioners at this session are treated with contempt, we must try what 500,000 will do at the next.

Yours truly,

PHILO.

[For the Canada Temperance Advocate.

MR. EDITOR,—A paragraph with the heading, "THE MAINE LAW IN MASSACHUSETTS," appeared lately in the *Quebec Mercury*, and was noticed this week in the *Quebec Gazette*.

I think that the editor of the *Boston* paper which gave rise to the paragraph in the *Mercury* must have been misunderstood, as he could not write about a law, or the execution of a law, which has no existence. The *Mercury* is evidently afraid of a prohibitory liquor law, and availed himself of anything which will favor his views.

One thing, however, he informs his readers of, and that is, that the Hon. N. F. Belleau is perfecting the present law, and it,—the perfect law, was to have a third reading in the Upper House, where it originated, at no distant day.

I care very little where a measure originates, whether with the Hon. Mr. Belleau, or the Hon. Mr. Cameron, provided it answers the end intended by it.

I strongly suspect, however, that the enactment of the ex Mayor of Quebec, will be, after all, but another attempt at "regulating an irregularity;" a mere piece of patchwork, which will be found not to meet the exigency any better than all the legislation which has gone before on the liquor traffic. We want the Maine Law! the whole Maine Law!! and nothing but the Maine Law!!! and must have it.

I heard, since my last, the opinion of a thinking rumseller, on the subject. It was in substance as follows:—"If the trade is fraught with all the mischief you represent, why license it at all? Or if intoxicating liquors are a saleable article, why does the trade in them require licensing? If the traffic must be restrained, you cannot do it otherwise than by means of the Maine Law; give us that and thereby put all on an equal footing, and we shall be satisfied. No longer continue the system of favoring a licensed few, to the prejudice of the many, either for good or evil." Thus much from a dealer in whiskey, &c. &c.

Yours truly,

PHILO.

Quebec, 18th March, 1853.

Rum's Pastime.

FIGHT.—A brutal fight on Athens street, South Boston, on Sunday afternoon, between two Irishmen, in which both of the belligerents fared badly.—*Commonwealth*.

Riot.—A fight occurred between three fire companies of New York, Nos. 16, 24, and 34. Sunday morning, in which several individuals were more or less injured, among them two or three police officers. The ringleaders have been arrested.—*Herald*.

An intoxicated Irishman fell overboard twice Sunday evening, at the East Boston ferry boat wharf. He was fished out each time by the employees of the Ferry Company. A woman also fell overboard on Friday night, and was hauled out of the water with considerable difficulty.—*Commonwealth*.

STABBING.—John Haley, an Irishman, residing in East Boston, was badly stabbed in the shop of Eugene Sullivan, in Atkinson street, last Saturday evening.—*Herald*.

ANOTHER STABBING CASE.—Dennis Moriarty was committed to jail on Saturday night, for an assault with a knife on Mary Kileha, in Ann street.—*Herald*.

SEVERE ASSAULT.—Yesterday, a man named Pettingell Whittmore, a bar-tender of the Neck Hotel Charlestown, was examined before Justice Sawyer, on charge of striking Halsey Yarrington, on the head with a wooden pin, in a bowling alley, by which Yarrington was very severely injured. Whittmore was held for trial in the sum of \$1000.—*Commonwealth*.

There are some men who think that every body has a right to get drunk whether children starve or not. We think the judge in this case has taken rather bold ground.