

They had beaten him, and afterwards opened a trap door, and hurled him headlong down into a cellar beneath. The shutters of the place were at once put up, so that nothing was seen from the outside, and nothing known except what might be gathered from the noise. The poor man died in a week after this from the effects of the murderous treatment he had received. The two crimps were put in jail, but the lawyers came and got them bailed out, and they carried on their business during the remainder of the season. The case was then heard before the court but nothing could be proved beyond what had been heard, for so adroitly do they manage these things, that nothing had been *seen*, and the culprits were acquitted. The magistrates were to blame in their conduct in the investigation of these outrages, and action towards the crimping business. We wanted not only good laws, but good men to put them into effect. The Government Police system at Quebec was a bad one.—They had there some thirty-five water policemen during the season of navigation, but in winter they were disbanded, and had to get their living with these very crimps. They should be engaged for the whole year, withdrawn from association with such characters, and made to feel their own responsibility.

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