

WE ARE INFORMED THAT ONE DISTILLERY IN TOWN DESTROYS 1000 BUSHELS OF GRAIN A DAY. IT IS NO WONDER THAT MANY POOR FAMILIES ARE IN WANT.

We have to apologize to our subscribers for this number appearing so late, and may state that it is owing to a desire, that it should contain the minutes of the Annual Meeting and the Report of the Society, to which we beg to refer our readers.

New subscribers to the paper, are particularly requested to mention, if they desire the back numbers of the volume to be sent, and also to write their names in a legible hand.

We are much pleased at the zeal, activity, and success of our Agents. May they go on and prosper.

An article on the practice of providing liquor for firemen at fires, is unavoidably left over to our next.

#### MONTHLY CATALOGUE OF THE VICTIMS OF ALCOHOL IN CANADA,

*To which we especially invite the attention of the Makers, Venders, and Users of Intoxicating Drinks.*

MONTREAL, Jan. 21.—The following is a list of the deaths in Montreal, that have come to my knowledge the last month, by the habitual use of intoxicating liquors.

58.—Dec. 22.—No. 1, was a smart middle aged man, he was seen going into a tavern at eight o'clock at night, he came home by nine very much intoxicated, and the first words he was heard to pronounce were, "I am dying," "I am dying," he continued calling out in this manner until ten o'clock. A short time afterwards he expired.

59.—25th.—No. 2, came home drunk in the evening. About an hour afterwards he was found lying choked with the liquor.

60.—26th.—No. 3, came home drunk the night before. On Sunday morning his comrades went to give him a glass, but found him stiff in bed; he was also choked with liquor.

61.—No. 4, came home drunk, and before midnight he was a stiffened corpse.

62.—27th.—No. 5, was pretty much intoxicated, he went to have some diversion on the ice; he was expostulated with, but to no purpose. In the midst of his diversion, without a moment's warning, he was plunged into eternity. He skated over the ice into the water. His body has not yet been found.

63.—29th.—No. 6, was a fine intelligent young man, and an excellent tradesman, but a very hard drinker. He would not hearken to any advice, and used to avoid any one who went to speak to him. He was found this morning dead in bed.

64.—No. 7, was a labouring man; eight years ago he had as fine and prosperous a family as was in this city, but in an evil hour he gave himself up to the intoxicating cup. He brought his wife and family to misery; his wife died deranged by his conduct, and he has been for some years back, an outcast from society. He died in a miserable hovel in this city, calling out for liquor.

65.—Jan. 8th.—No. 8, was a married woman, she was found lying frozen stiff, there was a bottle quarter full of spirits, at her head.

66.—17th.—No. 9, was a great drinker, he drank hard for the last fortnight before his death. When he died his wife was senseless with drink, and could not attend to him.

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Rum-sellers of Montreal read the foregoing! We wish we could write the accounts of these legalized murders in letters of fire, that they might burn into your consciences like a hot iron, and give you no rest till you have abandoned the accursed traffic. Yet, strange as it may appear, if a rum-seller's feelings be but hurt, the public are instantly in arms to sympathize with and support him; but if nine citizens a month perish miserably from the effects of the

traffic he is engaged in, if they go to a drunkard's grave a drunkard's eternity, and leave their wives and families to be supported by charity, or starve, there is not a word said on the subject. No one appears to feel an emotion of pity. When will men cease to strain at knats and swallow camels? When will the public judge righteous judgment?

67.—On Saturday evening last the body of a female was found in rear of those dilapidated premises contiguous to the theatre in St. Paul Street. She was identified by the Inspector of Police as one of those unfortunate creatures who infest our streets, melancholy specimens of what poor human nature is oftentimes reduced to, and oftentimes more the subjects for pity than for blame. Her name was Anne Mooney. An empty bottle was found by her side, and it is probable that she had been drinking to such a degree as to cause her to fall into a sleep from which she never awoke. The Coroner's jury returned a verdict of "Death from intemperance and exposure to the inclemency of the weather."—*Montreal Herald.*

68.—Sr. JOHN'S, Jan. 1.—You will perhaps have ere now heard of a most melancholy event, viz.: the death of Mr. Uniacke of the 71st Regt., who being with some other officers of his corps, dining with the 70th, at Isle Aux Noix, an aged subaltern officer of the latter was made the butt of the company, and in a wild (and of course drunken) frolic, was used very roughly by them, when he retired to his room, and threatened them with firing out, if molested; they did come to his door again, when he fired through or out of it, and shot the above young man in the groin, from which death resulted. He had said the day before, that that party and anticipated frolic once over, he should turn over a new leaf. Too late! He was a promising young officer, and is said, on the fatal occasion, to have shown through-out a disposition to screen the officer and check the mad career of his companions. We have now to pray that this sad affair may act as a warning to the companions of the unfortunate youth.—*From a Correspondent.*

69.—In Quebec, a short time ago, a wedding took place accompanied by drinking and dancing. A Canadian became intoxicated, fell under the table and was drawn out of the room, and left in an outside passage. When the company were about retiring, they found him frozen to death.

70.—An American trader who was travelling home, became intoxicated at a tavern in St. Joseph, near Quebec. Taking a bottle of brandy with him, he started in the evening. The landlord having some misgiving sent next morning to look after him, when he was found frozen dead.

71.—A young man belonging to a respectable family in Upper Canada died lately of delirium tremens, at a low tavern kept by a colored man. His condition before death was awful in the extreme. His mother and sisters, three in number, journeyed in a cold wet night, to be present at the funeral, and melancholy to relate, the excitement, grief, and exposure, caused the death of the mother and youngest sister a few hours after it took place. The eldest sister was also in a dangerous state, as well as another young lady connected with the family, in consequence of these tragical events. From his standing in society, we have little doubt that the young man referred to acquired his habits of intemperance by wine drinking. When will the desolating customs now so fashionable become obsolete?

72.—INQUEST.—On Monday the 27th December, the body of a man was found in a pig sty, in the rear of the house of Mr. Leach, Front Street, near the Market Square. An inquest was empanelled by Geo. Walton, Esq., one of the coroners for the city, Hon. J. Eimely, foreman, and a highly respectable jury. The inquiry occupied the attention of the coroner and jury three evenings, and a verdict was returned that the unfortunate deceased (an intemperate character, who had been recently an inmate of the House of Industry, and was named James Green) came to his death by having been dreadfully mutilated by swine, while in the said sty, into which he had probably crept for shelter, and had there become insensible, either from the effects of intoxication, or the inclemency of the weather. The jury levied a deodand of thirty shillings upon the owner of the swine, by virtue of which they came under the control of the coroner, who very properly had them destroyed and securely buried.—*Toronto Paper.*