

against accidents the nuptials should be celebrated "right away," as the Yankees translate *quam primum*, and in the primary parson-containing town which the steam vessel might touch at.

"My father," faltered forth the sore perplexed and dizzied girl, "will never, never give his consent!"

"Of course he won't!" struck in the prompt and energetic Applegarth; "of course he won't, and therefore there is no use in trifling and shilly-shallying about the matter! My brother-in-law, if truth must be told, is an old, obstinate, pig-headed fool, who would sooner see you wedded to Michael Daddy, the tailor, than behold you the lady of any foreigner, however noble in birth or chivalric in deed. The illustrious count is perfectly right, as heroes invariably are where affairs of the heart are concerned, and you cannot do better than act upon his suggestion. In a short time we shall be at Cq-bourg, when, by playing our cards prudently, we may land unperceived by the Squire, and then all shall be plain sailing!"

"Yes," continued the eager and enamoured Blitzen, "and I have reason to know that we can procure a license this very evening, and so the ceremony—"

Here the party broke up their confabulation, for the purpose, as I opined, of getting their traps together, and I was left to chew the cud of reflection upon what I had seen and heard.

Of course I had no option but to inform Mr. Newlove of how matters stood, and that without delay. To my apprehension it was plain as a pike-staff, that the so-called Count was an impudent, unscrupulous adventurer, ready at a moment's notice to speculate in anything, from contraband tobacco up to clandestine matrimony. Beyond doubt he had become acquainted with the leading weakness of the squire's daughter; and the wealth of her sire, and made his calculations accordingly. He evidently deemed that if he could only contrive to wed the silly maiden, the old gentleman, though probably enraged at first, would in the end come to terms, and, making the best of a bad bargain, receive the pair into favor. I the more readily drew these deductions, because I had known a cognate game played before.

Next month I shall wind up this strange, eventful, and most veritable history.

Superficial people are very happy; cork never drowns.

THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

Professors Lillie and Williamson have both most ably in their writings proved the vast prosperity of Canada, her rapid increase in population and wealth, and have demonstrated that no country in the world has improved in the same ratio. Convincing, however, as their statistics may be, they fall far short of the impressions produced in the minds of those who visited the Forest City during the late Exhibition.

Five-and-twenty years ago, a forest, the City of London could only be compared, on the late occasion, to those creations of the gold diggings, Melbourne or Sacramento, with the difference, however, that whereas these places have been the product of feverish and unhealthy excitement, the Forest City has grown gradually and surely through the persevering industry and energy of the stalwart arms of a healthy class of settlers, and we may all bless that Providence, which, in shaping the foundation of our prosperity, infused into the minds of our early settlers the principles of justice and truth to temper somewhat the natural desire for prosperity and riches.

Strangers must not suppose, however, that at the late Exhibition the title of the actual products of Canada was exhibited; on the contrary we noticed with regret that many of the very sources by which we may most certainly expect vastly to increase our wealth were totally unrepresented.

It was evident that neither pains nor expense had been spared in the detail of the Exhibition, and the effect produced was most wonderful. We will, however, proceed to notice the articles which were exhibited, and then to state the deficiencies.

By far the greatest show was that of animals; horses, cattle, pigs, and sheep having been sent in very great numbers. This part of the Exhibition was very gratifying, especially when taken in connexion with the vast increase in the number of stock which we briefly quote from Williamson:—

"It is, therefore, a symptom which augurs well for the future, that the live stock of the Province is being increased in a greater and greater ratio every year, notwithstanding all the demands for domestic consumption, and the large numbers annually exported. In 1852, the number of neat cattle, in Upper Canada