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## STATISTICAL DATA ON

# FROM ALL THAT CAN INTOXICATE.

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Respectfully submitted to the consideration of the Officers of the Army and Navy of Great Britain,

BY A MEDICAL OFFICER.

Crimes &c. orising from it.

Mr. Wakley observes, "I have lately seen so much of the evil effects of gin-drinking, that I am inclined to become a tee-totaller. Gm may be thought the best friend I have; it causes me to hold annually one thousand inquests more than I should otherwise hold. But besides these, I have reason to believe that from ten half a million of men." thousand to fifteen thousand persons in this Metropolis die annually from the effects of gin-drinking, upon whom no inquests are held. Since I have been Corroner, I have seen so many murders by poison, by drowning, by hanging, by cutting the throat, in consequence of drinking aident spirits, that I am astonished the Legislature does not interfere."

The solemn judgment of Lord Chief Justice Hale, has been amplicable to every generation since his day .- "The places of indicature which I have long held in this kingdom, have given me an opportunity to observe the original cause of most of the enormittes that have been committed for near twenty years, and by a due observation I have found, that if the murders, and manthoughters, the burglaries, and robberies, and riots, and tunnilts, the adulter -, formications, rapes, and other great enormities, that have happened in that time, were divided into five parts, four of them have been the issues and product of excessive drinking, and of tavern and alu-house meetings."

"Mr. Shaw, the Recorder of Dublin, declares that 40 cases out of every 50 that he tries every week, are produced by intempernce. A barrister who conducted 1,700 civil bill cases in a fortnight, maintained that every one of them could be traced to the ame cause. The Lord Justice Clerk, in lately closing the assizes a Glasgow, affirmed that 80 cases had come before him, in all of which punishment had been awarded, less or more; but that very one of these cases had orientated in drunkenness."

The late Mr. Wontner is known to have said, "that ninety-line out of every hundred prisoners that came to Newgate, com-

mitted their erimes in consequence of intemperance."

"The following words of Dr Doyle, Roman Catholic Bishop of Kildare, in a letter to the secretary of the New Ross Temperace Society, deserve particular notice: "Rash swearing, proanation of the Lord's Day, blasphenics without number; the everty, the nakedness, the destitution, the rum of families; the rands, the thefts, the robberies; the seduction of innocence, the orruption of virtue: the disobedience of children, the infidelies of servants, the discord, the disumon of those whom God hath mited; these and many others which I do not name, are the ffects of drinking and drunkenness which I deplore."

Intoxicating liquors, it is calculated, cost the inhabitants of merica annually, it appears more than ferty millions of dollars; nd the pauperism caused by the improper use of them, costs ore than twelve millions, making an annual expense of more an fifty millions of dollars. Out of 1061 cases of criminal procutions, in the year 1820, before the Court of Sessions in the ty of New York, more than 800 are stated to have been conected with intemperance. And so it is in all our principal More than three-fourths of the crimes committed in the pantry, are probably occasioned by this hateful vice. And if to us we add the loss of time which it occasions, the loss of busis, the loss of improvement, the loss of character, and the loss happiness for time and eternity. The evil swells to an over-

I whelming magnitude. The guilt and wretchedness resulting from

it surpass all finite conception,

"At the close of the first half century of our national existence, INTEMPERANCE, AND TOTAL ABSTINENCE (counting from 1776), says an American writer, "the appetite for strong drink demanded more than 60,000,000 of gallons of liquid fire; and while it cost the consumers more than 30,000,000 of dollars, it caused more than three-fourths of all the pauperism, crime, and wretchedness of the community. It also greatly increased the number, frequency, and violence of diseases; and according to the testimony of the most intelligent and judicious physicians, occasioned annually the loss of more than 30,000 lives. The loss of property resulting from the consumption of ardent spirits, amounted in 40 years to a greater sum than the value of all the houses and lands in the United States forty years ago; and the use of it (during the same period) caused the destruction, and there is reason to fear, for both worlds, of more than

> R. G. White, Esq., stated, that of twenty-two persons whose execution he attended in the capacity of High Sheriff, every one declared "that drunkenness and the breach of the Sabbath had breight them to that end." The Rev. D. Ruel, Chaplain to the new prison, Clarkenwell, and who, therefore, had had ample opportunity for judging, declared, that "murder, maining, and other crimes attended with personal violence, are, for the most part, committed under the excitement of liquor.

> As long ago as 1764, the Irish House of Commons asserted. that " many murders, which of late have been committed, are to

be attributed to the excessive consumption of spirits."

Losses at Sca resulting from it.

The loss of life and property in this way is incalculable. "The treasures of the deep" accumulate thus, and the vessels lost through drunkenness, amount in value to millions annually; and on that day when "the sea shall give up her dead," what multitudes will point to the drunkard as the one who hurried them out of the world.

"The St. George with 551 men on board, was lost through intemperance; so was the Kent East Indiaman, with most of her passengers and crew; so was the Ajax, with 350 men; and so was the Rothesay Castle, with above 100 souls." Several witnesses before the House of Commons referred to the amount of property lost every year at sea, through the baneful influence of intoxicating drinks. We find from Parliamentary documents, that in the short period of six years, "not less than 2,687 ships and vessels were stranded or wrecked; and 218 were lost or missing. Making the total of nearly three thousand vessels which were greatly injured, or entirely destroyed in that short period; in 130 of these ships the whole crew perished, and the number of persons who were drowned amounted to 3417"

"During the late war, almost every accident says an officer. I ever witnessed on board ships was owing to drunkenness. I hold spirituous liquors to be more dangerous than gunpowder." "And well might he say so," says another writer.

A gentleman in an American scapert gives his testimony to this fact in these terms; "I have been a Notary Public, and the only one in this port for fourteen years, and have had to extend protests for many wrecked vessels, and can with truth say, that in more than a moicty (one half) of the cases, the disaster would not have happened if no rum had been on hoard."

A Memorial of the merchants of Montreal to British Underwriters, ship-owners, and ship-masters, says:-"We believe the common use of intoxicating drinks on shirboard to be a custom fraught with many pernicious consequence,-First, By forming and fostering habits of intemperance among seamen, Second. By frequently interfering with the proper subordination of the crew and the clearness of judgment and self-command of the officers. And thirdly, By causing frequent shepwrecks, and thereby wasting life and property, and, as a necessary consequence materially increasing the rates of freight and insurance."

Sinful Expenditure of Money resulting from it.

Mr. Simmons, a Government Commissioner, declares in his published Report, "It is my firm belief, that penury, dirt, misery, drunkenness, disease, and crime, culminate in Glasgow to a pitch unparalleled in Great Britain." Alus! he is fully borne out by facts; for while the population is far from being doubled during the last fifteen years, crime has increased 1200 per cent.; fever has increased 1600 per cent.; and death has increased 300 per cent. Formerly, one person in every 44 died every year in Glasgow; but now, one in every 21 dies every year: thus making its mortality greater than any other city in Europe. Nor is Edinburgh behind her western rival in her expenditure for intoxicating liquors; while the parish of Stevenson, in Ayrshire, with a population of 3,681, spends the enormous sum of £4,425 every year, being within a trifle of the whole rental of the parish! Ireland, too, cries out lustily under her public burdens; she tries to excite our pity by pointing to her Protestant Establishment, which costs her £807,000 a year; but she is as silent as the grave about the heaviest of all her curses, the enormous consumption of ardent spirits, which till very lately cost her nearly £8,000,000 sterling every year. Nor is England very far behind our Irish brethren, or ourselves, in the career of folly and of crime; though Scotland -cducated, moral, and religious Scotland-far outsteps them both. Our Southern brethren re-echo our own complaints about taxes and public hurdens, and yet they can very quietly and contentedly lose £200,000,000 sterling every year, through the use and abuse of intoxicating liquors!

County and town prisons, hulks, transports, courts of justice, criminal prosecutions, houses of correction, magistrates, police establishments, sessions, litigations, and actions connected with drinking, fees to lawyers and barristers, constables., &c., together with the prices paid, and time lost in prisons, and houses of correction, cause an expenditure and waste to the amount of six or seven millions. The justice department of Government costs upwards of a million annually, and the preventive service half a million more; and yet these sums are not a quarter of what is paid for trials, police fines, &c., by the country. Now from all parts of the United Kingdom, from all judges, magistrates, judors, police reports, and chaplains to prisons, we have but one testimony, which is, that drinking is the cause of ninc-tenths of the crime,

quarrells, misdemeanours, and actions that occur. Our hospitals, lunatic asylums, infirmaries, and various other dispensaries for the sick, cost us upwards of two millions a year: and these are chiefly used and occupied by those whom moderate or excessive drinking have doomed to accidents, diseases or insanity.

How much money is expended on intoxicating drinks in the city of Edinburgh during one year? How much think you? Why, you say, about £1000. You are far short of the mark. There is expended on intoxicating drinks in that city annually, the enormous sum of £400,000 sterling.

In Greenock, not less than £98,000, is expended every year on the direct purchase of intoxicating liquors.

In the town of Kingston (Canada) and neighbourhood, the annual item, of £26,800 has been expended in these houses of public resort during the last year, chiefly by the labouring classes, for an article not only useless, but highly marious. What benefit would not result to our community if this enormous outlay was spent in works of public usciulness-in the endowment of schools-the his natural standard of health, a continuance of their use can be support of hermals-the establishment of libraries, and these matitutions adapted to the instruction and improvement of society, but above all in the extension of the Gospel of salvation.

Sinful expenditure of Grain and Land resulting from it.

It is a fact, that till very lately, about forty unilions of bushels of valuable grain were annually distroyed in this traffic.

No less than one million acres of land are employed in growing grain for making intoxicating drink! How many acres are required for the growth of the hop plant? About 48,000. How much money does government draw in the way of revenue for strong drink? £16,000,000 annual y. How many breaks and upon Tweed, Bradford, Brighton, Cheltenham, Derby, Dublio, distillers are there in Britain? About 53,000. How many mil-Gloucester, Kilmarnock, Leeds, Leith, Lincoln, Mancheset, lions of gallous of liquors are manufactured every year? 500, Nottingham, Worcester, York, &c. millions of gallons. How many venders of strong draik are there in Batain? There are at least 2 14,000. These are all of them surfling statements, and the one that follows is no less so, namely, men, to which we just now alluded, after reading the words, "By That there are no tewer than 600,000 drunkards in the nation, the following certificates it will be seen that ardent spirits in What an appealing fact is this: Test it not in Gath, and publish ascertained by medical science to be in a strict sense a poisons it not in the streets of Askelon, that in the land of Britan -(1) and that the use of it as an article of diet, especially among the

lised and Christianized Britain-there are 600,000 drunkards, our fellow-countrymen, our fellow-immortals, who are leading a drunkard's degraded and wretched life, and posting onwards to a drunkard's fearful and undone eternity.

Loss of Health, Disease and Death resulting from it.

"The effect of drinking spirits is to destroy all desire for food: a man who drinks spirits never eats."-P. E., page 197.

The Law of Stimulants .- The law of over stimulation is this .that the circulation falls off in a greater proportion than it is forced; then comes the collapse or depressed feeling, from the abstraction of alcohol, and then the desire for renewing the dose: but the further law of stimulants is, that the dose must be in creased to produce the desired excitement, and thus a fatal habit is established, by which structures essential to life, are disorga, nised."

Dr. Trotter says, "intoxicating liquors in all their forms, and however disguised, are the most productive cause of disease with which I am acquainted." We have similar testimony from 17 physicians in Manchester, from 70 in Birmingham, from 26 in Brighton, from 50 in Dublin, and from 50 in London. A similar declaration has been made by 556 physicians, in other places throughout the British dominions, many of them have expressed themselves in much stronger language, but none of them in a feebler or in a less emphatic manner.

Dr. Dodd, in his examination before the Committee of the House of Commons, stated, that "writers on medical jurisprud. ence rank alcohol among narcotico-acrid poison;" and he adds, that "small quantities, if repeated, always prove more or less injurious," and that the morbid appearances seen after death, occasioned by ardent spirits, exactly agree with those which result from poisoning, caused by any other substance ranked in the same class. Sir Astly Cooper has declared, "no person has a greater hostility to dram-drinking than rayself, insumuch that I never suffer any ardent spirits in my house, thinking them evil spirits; and if the poor could witness the white livers, the dropsics, the shattered nervous systems which I have seen as the consequences of drinking, they would be aware that spirits and poisons are synonymous terms."

The celebrated medical writer, Boorhave says, "If drink be required merely for alaying thirst or dryness, and diminishing the acrimony of fluids, then is pure water the best drink for robust man. Plain food, and water for drink, render our bodies the most firm and strong."

Zunmerman declares "that water is the most suitable drink for man, and does not chill the ardour of genius." He says, "that the sole drink of Demosthenes was water."

Anatomy, physiology, and the experience of all ages, and countries, when properly examined, must satisfy every mind well intermed in medical science, that the above opinion is altogether erroneous-(as to the necessity and benefit of alcoholic drink). Man in ordinary health, like other animals, requires not any such stimulants, and cannot be benefited by a habitual employment of any quantity of them, large or small; nor will their use during his life-time increase the aggregate amount of his labor. In whatever quantity they are employed, they will rather tend to diminish it. When he is in a state of temporary debility from illness, or other causes, a temporary use of them as of other stimulant medicines may be desirable; and as soon as he is mised to no good to hun, even in the most moderate quantities, while larger quantities (yet such as by many persons are thought moderate) do sooner or later prove injurious to the human consitution, without any exceptions. It is our opinion, that the above statement is substantially correct. Signed by 79 medical men, among whom are Dr. James Blundell, Sir Benjamin Brodie, Sir James Clark, Bart., Dr. Conquest, Dr. Marshall Hall, Herbert Mayo, Dr. Merriman, Professor Quain, Dr. A. T. Thompson, Benjamin Travers, Dr. Urc. v.d. Delevan, &c. &c.

A testimony, similar in sentiment, was signed by nearly 500 medical men of the first respectability, in Edinburgh, Berwick-

"On the committee handing to this eminent physician the paper which contains the testimony of nearly 500 distinguished medical snount of discuse and death, the Doctor said," It is strictly so in

agard to the destruction of life."
"There cannot," says Dr. Rush, "be a greater error than to appose that spirituous liquors lessen the effects of cold upon the body; on the contrary, they render the body more hable to be effected and injured by cold; the temporary warmth they produce s always succeeded by chillness."

A convict ship took out 300 culprits; they were allowed only wate, while the crew had urdent spirits. On arriving at Sydney every convict was in perfect health, no case of illness or death had occurred during the seven months voyage: but of the crew

gereral died, and several were sick on landing.

The long and rapid marches of the ancient Greek and Roman rmies, and the privations and labours they underwent, are much greater than could be endured by any modern European soldiery; and yet these men drank no ardent spirits. Some of the native East India troops in the employment of the British Government possess the same power, and their religious ideas and customs deny them eprituous liquors. Sir John Moore's army was found to improve In health during their distressing march to Corunna, as soon as the usual allowance of ardent spirits was unattainable. It is related of Niger, that he forbade the use of wine in his army, wishing the soldiers to accustom themselves to vinegar mixed with water, in conformity with the ancient regulation.

Captum Ross, in the frozen regions, found that men enjoyed better health, and suffered less from frost without the se liquors than with them. The writer has travelled in the midst of frost and snow, and drunk brandy and water until he was himself nearly frozen: he has travelled in the same kind of weather, and druk nothing but water, and been comfortably warm. brandy increased circulation, and produced heat for a short time; but then Dr. Farre's law of the forcing system was regularly observed; after every glass of spirits, " the circulation fell off in a greater degree than it was forced," and much more intense cold was felt as the consequence. Mr. Hoskins in his late visits to the Pyramids, found by his own experience, and that of others that the water of the Nile was, in that hot country, the most refreshing and avigorating beverage. And he says that spirit-drinkers very son became incapable of enduring the climate. This is perfectly natural. If the absorption is great, and the prespiration profuse, pothing can better supply this waste than the simplest beverage; and that beverage is water. To drink alcoholic drinks at such a time would be to increase the evil which drinking is intended to

Mr. Buckingham says, in Mesopotamia he himself had ridden I miles in ten successive days, with the thermometer at 125 degrees in some parts of the journey, and below freezing point in others, and yet he drank nothing stronger than water. Dr. Jackson says that he travelled in Jamaica, on foot, 118 miles in four days, and carried baggage equal to the knapsack of a common soldier, and drank only tea-water or lemonade. He autributed his escape from disease to his entire abstinence.

Lord Ashley wrote to the Chaplain of a country jail to ask "How cauch of the crimes which brought prisoners to the jail he could truce to habits of intoxication?" In reply he wrote, "I m within the word in saying that three-fourths of the crimes committed is the result of intemperance." In corroboration of hat testimony, Mr. Smith, the governor of the prison at Edinburgh, wrote-" Having been for a number of years a missionary mong the poor in Edinburgh, and having for two years had tharge of the house of refuge for the destitute, I have had perhaphe best opportunities of observing how far drunkenness produced garance, destitution and crime; and the result of my experience sa firm conviction, that but for the effects of intemperance, dicelly and indirectly instead of having 500 persons in the prison this time, there would not have been fifty." He (Lord Ashley) hid there was another very important consideration to which his ttention had been for some time directed, and his experience of rhich had been confirmed by medical men—he alluded to the ficels of intoxication on the social and intellectual state of the cople; and it was well worth inquiring to what extent intellect ad been destroyed by, and madness ascribabble to, that vice.his was more than a curious fact, because, although there were undreds and thousands whose derangement of mind was such to make confinement necessary, yet how many more must me not be, whose intellects were impaired to an execut which fell on of that state which rendered restraint indispensable. Dr. ozsellis, of the Wakefield Asylum, states-" I am led to behave

borer classes, is the direct cause of an incalculable and appalling I third of the institution." He adds that, "In Glasgow 26 per cent; in Aberdeen 18 per cent." Doctor Browne of the Crichton Asylum states-" The application for the introduction of individuals who have lost their reason from excessive draking, continue to be very numerous." At Northampton, the superintendent says: amongst the causes of insanity, intemperance predominates. At Monrose, Dr. Poole says, twenty-four per cent. of insune cases arise from intemperance. Dr. Prichard, who was well known not only in the medical, but the literary world, wrote to him (Lord Ashley.) "The medical writers of all countries reckon intemperance among the most influential exciting causes of insanity. Esquirol who has been most celebrated on the Continent for his researches into the statistics of madness and who is well known to have extended his enquiries into all Countries, was of opinion that the cause gives rise to one half of the cases of insanity that occur in Great Britain"

In their annual report for 1829, the Directors of the Glasgow Lunatic Asylum say, "In accordance with the humane purpose of our institution, we feel it our duty to mention any remarkable or prevalent cause of lunacy, against the operation of which it may be possible to guard. We regret that we should have occasion to repeat, that a considerable number of our patients become affected with their malady in consequence of abuse of spirituous

Dr. Gordon says, "Leaving drunkenness out of the question, the frequent consumption of a small quantity of spirits, gradualy increased is as surely distructive of life as more habitual intoxication; therefore the gin shops are spr. ading discass and death, to a degree that is frightful." Dr. Fothergill says, " Of all the articles of the popular Materia Medica, there are none so frequently used, so seldom required, or so dangerous to administer, as ardent spirits, wine, and malt liquors; and their total rejection would be the means of preventing the ruin of many constitutions, and the loss of mnumerable lives which are now sacrificed directly or indirectlv, to their mjudicious employment." In addition to all this, Beaumont on Alcoholic drinks, declares; "It is not hazarding too much to say, that while hundreds and thousands have committed suicide, by the agency of hemp and steel, tens of thousands have destroyed themselves by insoxicating drink.

Dr. Chevne showed that in the West and East Indies, the mortality among the troops in 1827, amounted to one in every sixteen, and that the chief cause of these deaths was drinking.

Dr. Elliotson of London says, "the total abstinence from alcoholic drinks, and other narcotic substances, will greatly augment health, and lengthen life. Plenty of wholesome food and fresh air are the best strengtheners, and rest when we are fatigued, is the best restorer.

A. Courtney, Surgeon Royal Navy says, "I have in eight years attended one thousand one hundred and thirty-seven cases of midwifery, and have invariably found that other circumstances being equal, those mothers who never tasted ma't liquors, wine or spirits, during and subsequent to the period of labour, have had the easiest labours, the earliest recoveries, and the best health afterwards.

In America, it was computed that 40,000 persons die annually from drinking. Dr. Gordon of the London Hospital, stated that, from accurate observations on his own patients, he knew that. seventy-five cases of disease out of every hundred, could be traced. to drinking. He also declared that most of the bodies of moderate drinkers which, when at Edinburgh, he had opened, were found discussed in the liver, and that these symptoms appeared also in the bodies of temperate people which he had examined in the West Indies. He more than once says, "that the bodies whose livers he had, found diseased, were those of moral and religious. people." This same with so observed, that "the mortality among the coal-whippers who are brought to the London Hospital is frightful."

An army of 15,000 fellow subjects dead on the field of battle would fill us with horror, yet, according to Mr. Wakley, 15,000 citizens of London are annually slain in the most brutal manner

by alcoholic drink.

In an American report, the Lindon Monning Heigld is quoted thus:--Speaking of Cholera it says, "Intemperance is a qualifi-cation it never overlooks. Often has it passed harmless over a wide population of temperate country people, and poured down as an overflowing scourge on the drunkards of some distant town. In some towns the drunkards are all dead. Rammehan Finger, the famous Indian doctor, says with regard to India, that the people who do not take opium or take the disspirits, do not order, intemperance is the existing cause, of meanty in about one leven when they are with those who have it. M. Kuber, who s w-

2,160 persons perish in 25 days, in one town in Russia, says, "It | decided friends. Says one distinguished prelate, the Bishopel is a remarkable circumstance, that persons given to drinking are Norwich: swept away like flies. In Tiflis, containing 29,000 inhabitants, "Few indeed can bear more impartial testimony to their every drunkard has fallen—all are dead—not one remains." Dr. merus than myself, maximely as that, for a considerable leight Sewal writing from New York says, that " of 204 cases of cholera in the Park Hospital, there were only six temperate persons, and that these had recovered, while 122 of the other had died when he wrote, and that facts were similar in all the other hospitals." So fully was this manifested as a scourge on drunkenness, that the Board of Health in the city of Washington, ordered that no spirits should be sold for 90 days, as a measure necessary to the life of the inhabitants.

# Loss of Time and Labour resulting from it.

Time mis-spent, and productive labour lost, is another item that must enter into our calculations of the cost of drinking. It has ence five years, and has 200 societies. In Scotland 10,000 been estimated that if the mechanics of London suspend their labours for one day, not less than £50,000 would be lost, and if London be reckoned at one-twentieth of the population of the United Kingdom, were all the labourers and mechanics in the country to play for one day, £1,000,000 would be lost, and were they to pass one day in idieness in every week in the year, then £52,000,000 would be annually lost. Now, though we are happy to say that every labourer and mechanic does not loose one day in a week by drinking, yet, as many drunkards spend two, three, or even four days in some weeks in the pot-house, and some spend nearly all their time there-we may conclude that the calculation just made is not very incorrect.

(To be Continued.)

# PROGRESS OF THE CAUSE.

EXTRACT FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AMERICAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

# Foreign Operations.

The Committee are happy to state that the foreign operations have been no less interesting during the year, than those in our own country.

In Ireland the wonderful work which has regenerated a nation, appears to stand steadfast. A recent letter from the Rev. Theo-bald Matthew, its favoured instrument in the hand of divine providence, says: "You will be pleased to learn that the temperance cause was aver so prosperous in Ireland as at the present moment. This is a cause of gratulation to every friend of morality and human happiness; especially as it was expected that the agitated state of the country would lead to the abandonment of the principle of total abstinence. On the contrary, it has only proved the successty and magnanimity of the people."

The visit of this distinguished man to England, the last summer, was attended with important consequences. More than 70,000 persons were induced to sign the pledge, and among them several distinguished personages. The new National Temperance Society at London is in vigorous operation, circulating tracts and temperance intelligence. "The drinking customs," says "the Secretary in a recent letter," are gradually declining; in our high circles is a visible change; in respectable families it is no longer singular to refuse wine, and I am satisfied that the Temperance cause never stood in so favourable a position as at the present time, though there is less excitement than at former periods." The British Association is operating with great efficiency in the North of England. "In review. ing," says the Secretary, in a letter to us, "the last ten years, and looking at our present prospects, there is strong ground for encouragement, and for more vigorous exertion. Parliamentary returns show a decrease in the consumption of all intoxicating liquors, during the last year. The Press was never more active, and the demand for good Tracts is increasing. Those in the traffic are complaining most bitterly."

Special efforts are now making by the National Temperance Society to raise the sum of £2000 sterling, and by the British Association to raise £10,000 sterling, to extend the cause. To the latter, the city of Glasgow has contributed one thousand

Among the clergy and churches of all denominations, there is both in England and Scotland a strange indifference to total call it again, we can assure them of a co-operation in the freeds abstinence societies; and yet they are not without warm and in America.

of time, I was opposed to them, on 'he supposition that ther were visionary and impracticable. I have, however, long since been a convert, from a conviction founded on experience and observation, that they are most instrumental in raising thou. sands, and tens of thousands, from a degraded profligacy, to virtuous and industrious habits, and converting sinners fron the ways of vice to those of religion. I need scarcely add, that I think every elergyman who has the welfare of his parish. ioners at heart, and is really zealous in the cause of his profession.

ought to give them his support."
The western Scottish Temperance Union has been in ext. families have adopted the total abstinence principle, but alas! 400,000 families still continue to use intoxicating drinks. In Glasgow alone £1,270,000 are annually spent in intoxicating drink. Could the Free Church, now a vigorous shoot, be induced to engage in the temperance enterprise, she might son save enough to herself to sustain her ministry, build her churches, and become a great benefactor to all the Scottish people.

But little temperance intelligence has been received during the year from the North of Europe. The great friend and patton of the cause, the King of Sweden, has recently died. It that nation there are more than 50,000 pledged temperance men. The work of reform is much in the hands of the clergy, favourd by the government.

In Germany, a Convention of high character was held in August last, at Hamburg. 103 regular representatives, 23 deputies from the different societies of Germany and 3 from Sweden, were present. The joy and friendship, says Dr. Seing, in a letter to our Secretary, felt and expressed at this needing, were really great, and likewise the hospitality bestowed upon

them by the citizens of Hamburg. The Hong Kong Society is controlled by the Missionaries, and has a flourishing commencement. But at the Sandwich Island, temperance, as well as religion, has realized its most extrao. dinary triumphs. By the introduction of French brandies, the cause for a season was thrown back, but again it is finding firm footing. The King continues steadfast to his pledge. At the late celebration of the unniversary of his restoration to power, a quantity of rum, brandy, and wine, which had remained untouched in his cellar from the time of his signing the pledge, was brought forth; and the question was asked what shall be done with it? Some proposed that it should be preserved to be used instead of spirits of turpentime for drying paint. "Nassaid the King, "let it be cast into the sea." And though the greatest temptations on that day were placed before him to drink, on board the British ships, the King nebly resisted them all. By the new treaty at Tahiti intoxicating liquors are contraband goods; and throughout all the isles of the Pacific the total abstinence principle is deeply rooted. Soon New England rum will cease doubling Cape Horn. On the 11th of December, the snip Heber, from Massachusetts, stopped at Honolulu with seventy hogsheads of rum. She had vasted Mozambique, Madagascar, Sydney, New Holland, and New Zealand, without finding a market. It was put up at auction, and only five casks were sold. On the twenty-fifth of December, she reshipped her sixty-five casks and set sail, not knowing what to do with her rum. If she brings it back to Boston, may a show the sons of the Pilgrims the disgrace of endeavouring w flood the poor Pagans with rum!

In Canada and Nova Scotta in the North, and in Bermuda, the West Indies, and some parts of South America in the South. there is much to interest, instruct and ratify, which the Committee cannot here detail. The Montreal Society is fell of engagedness, and have invited a Convention of the Tempe rance Societies to meet for consultation and the furtherance of the cause at Montreal on the 4th of June.

Had the World's Convention, which was proposed to be held in London the coming July been suffered, your Committee doubt not it would have developed a much greater advance of the cause than we are at present aware of; while at the same time we should have learned far more than we now know of the end we combat. Whenever the Committee at London shall see fit to CANADA TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE.

"It is good neither to eat flesh, nor drink wine, nor do any thing by which by brother is made to stumble, or to full, or is weakened."—Rom. xiv. 21 - Manught's Translation.

### PLEDGE OF THE MONIFICAL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO AGREE, THAT WE WHAL NOT USE INTOXICATING LIQUORS AS A BEVERAGE, NOR TRAFFIC IN THEM; THAT WE WILL NOT PROVIDE THEM AS AN ARPICLE OF ENTERTAINMENT, NOR FOR PERSONS IN OUR EMPLOYMENT; AND THAT IN ALL SUITABLE WAYS WE WILL DISCOUNTENANCE THEIR USE THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY.

### MONTREAL, JUNE 17, 1844.

MINUTES OF THE TEMPERANCE CONVENTION, HELD IN MONTREAL ON THE 4TH 5TH AND 6TH JUNE, 1844.

Atten o'clock on the morning of Tuesday the 4th June, the delegates began to assemble in the Baptist Chapel of this city, which was kindly lent for the occasion, and C. H. Peck, Esq. of Prescott, having been unanimously called to the chair, requested the Rev T. Osgood, to open the proceedings with prayer, after which, at various times, the following delegates reported themselves, or were added by a vote of the Convention.

Montreal Society.—John Dougall Rev. F. Bosworth, J. Court, R. D. Wadsworth, John Holland, H. Lyman, C. M'Kay, A. Gemnill, J. R. Orr.

Victoria Society .- James A. Dwight.

Rechabite, Tent No 1 .- John Strathern.

Quebec Society .- P. Lesucur.

Niagara District.-Dr. Beadle, W. T. Cameron, A. R. Christie.

Home District .- James Lamb.

Prescott .- C. H. Peck, W. Patrick.

Bellamy's Mills .- H. Williams.

Kingston Township and Wilton .-- Peter M'Kim.

'Picton .- John Douglas.

Middle Farnham .- Herbert Taber.

Kemptville .- Rev. J. Meley.

St. Andrews .- Duncan Dewar.

Lachute .- Mylo Barber.

St. Thomas and Yarmouth .- James Covnc.

De Rouville Mountain .- S. R. Andres.

Chambly.-Chester Wilkinson.

Cornwall .- J. Smout.

Martintown.-Peter Christic.

Gananoque .- Rev. Henry Gordon.

Simcoe.-Rev. W. Kennedy, Nath. Lamson.

Stanstead .- W. Hubbard. .

It was resolved that any person who represented a total abstinence constituency, should constitute a member of the Convention, and on motion of John Dougall, seconded by Jahes Lamb, W. T. Cameron, Esq. of Niagara, was unanimously elected President of the Convention, and Messes. R. D. Wads. Worth, P. Lesueur and N. Lamson, were appointed Secretarics.

The remainder of the morning Session, was pleasantly and profitably occupied in the reading of the various reports sent to the Convention, in answer to the queries put forth by the Montreal Temperance Society; and the following gentlemen were appointed a Committee, to prepare business for the afternoon Session, Dr. Beadle, Messrs. Dougall, Lamb and Peck.

Three o'clock P. M.—After prayer by Mr. Gemmil., it was resolved that it was desirable to proceed to the formation of a Provincial Temperance Union, especially as all the reports, upwards of 100, were favourable to that course, and the business

Committee were instructed to prepare a draft of a Constitution, to be submitted to the Convention.

There being no business prepared by the Committee, Mr. Docgall, introduced the following resolutions, taken from a series which had been drawn up by the Rev. Justin Edwards, and carried at a Temperance Convention in Massachusetts, at which upwards of 1700 delegates were present. The resolutions were seconded by Mr. Wadsworth,

Resolved,—That all legislation which hoensed the sale of intoxicating liquor, to be used as a beverage, was based upon the supposition that such use was required by the public good, and as that supposition is now proved to be erroneous, all such legislation ought to cease.

Resolved,—That the proper way to restrain a vicious practice, is not to licensed; but as far as the public good may require, to defend the community, from its evils.

Resolved,—That no man has, or can have, a moral right to prosecute a business which tends to corrupt and injure his fellow man—and no legislature has a moral right to heease any individuals to pursue such an employment.

Resolved,—That as the licensing of sin, tends to shield it from public odium, by presenting for it a legal justification, legislators do great evil, when they give to vicious practices the sanction of law.

After an animated debate, in which the introduction of such resolutions was by some strongly deprecated, as a dictation to parliament and magistrates, and foreign to the business of the Convention, they were referred to the business Committee.

Wednesday Morning, June 5.—After prayer by Rev. T. Oscoop, an hour was occupied in reading reports, together with a digest prepared by the secretaries, of all reports which had been received on the first day. The Business Committee desired delay in preparing draft of a constitution—and by the casting vote of their chairman reported the resolutions committed to them last evening. These resolutions were then discussed until the hour of adjournment.

Afternoon.—After prayer by Rev. II. Gordon, the debate on the resolutions was resumed, and after a long and interesting discussion, during which the majority of the Convention were evidently in favor of them, but being desirous of obtaining the opinion of the different societies, and out of deference to the desires of Dr. Beader, Delegate from the Niagara Distict, and James Lame, Esq., Delegate from the Home District, the vote upon the resolutions was postponed till a future season, and the following unanimously agreed to.

1. Resolved,—That the foregoing resolutions be referred to the several societies of Canada for their opinion thereon, with a request that they consider them, and report within the year.

The following resolutions were then adopted :-

- Resolved,—That this Convention prepare a Mentorial strongly expressive of the evils arising from the present system of granting beenses to deal in alcohole liquors, to be presented at the ensuing Session of Parliament.
- Dr. Beadle and Messrs. Andres and Lamb Committee to draft he same.
- 3. Resolved,—That a Memorial be prepared on the abuse of the License system, to be presented to the Magistrates of each District throughout Canada.

Rev. Mr. Kennedy, Messrs. Count and Lyman Committee to draft the same.

Thursday Morning, June 6.—After prayer by the Rev. T. Ossoon, several resolutions were proposed and referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. H. Gordon, Messis. P. Christie and Taber, to report at Afternoon Session.

The following was carried, after having undergone various modifications, which elicited a good deal of interesting debate:-

4. Resolved, -- That for the sake of uniformity of action, this con.

vention recommend, great vigilence to Temperance Societies, in 2d The office heaters of the Union Stall be the serutiny of their members, relating to the observance of ob jects, greed to in the pledge, and that in all cases of violation faithfulness be mingled with kindness, so that as Litle injury as possible to inflicted on the feelings of the off inder and his friends.

Afternoon .- Pr yer by the Rev. Henry Gordon .- The case of children and servant's of Tavern keepers, &c., was brought forward by Dr. Bevole and urged upon the symposis vention. His views were, that all who were no ly selling or to join, and giving liquor on their own account, should ought that to received into Temperance Societies. have such persons as bar keepers, whose oc was voluntary, ald be likely to in connection with the Temperance Soci ecommend perweaken the cause, and in their case, wa sonal abstmence and advise them to extra selves from their to join a Temdangerous position, as soon as possible, owing effect then perance Society. A resolution to the prevailed:

5. Resolved, - That the convention strongly recommend the case of children and sarvants of the traffickers in intoxicating drinks, to the good feelings and kind efforts of all Temperance Societies, being of opinion, that all should be admitted who are not imme- DougaLL. diately and personally engaged in the traffic.

The following resolution was submitted by Mr. M.Kim from httle debate. the Midland District, and gave rise to a warm and protracted discussion-although the same principle in two or three different blessing for the desired success in the Temperance Reformation, forms, had preyously occupied much attention.

6. Resolved,-That it is the opinion of the Convention, that Magistrates, having subscribed the pledge of the Total Abstmence Society, violate the true meaning and spirit of that pledge, either by signing certificates for persons wishing to obtain Tayern Licenses, or by granting such licenses.

Every effort was made to postpone a decision on this question, but it was urged that members might as well have staid at home as come to convention and leave every question of any moment undecided. When it was seen that the resolution would pass Dr. BEADLE and Mr. LAMB requested the year and nays, that their names might stand recorded in the negative.

The resolution was then put and carried as follows:-

Yeas. H. Lyman, R. D. Wadsworth, J. A. Dwight, P. Le Sucur, Peter M'Kim, Herbert Taber, Duncan Dewar, Rev. T. Osgood, Peter Christie. Rev. Mr. Kennedy, Nays. Dr. C. Beadle, Jas. Lamb. Jas. Coyne, S. R Andres, M. Hubbard. J. Sment, Rev. H. Gordon.

Measrs. Count and Dougana, although supporting the affirmative, declined to vote, lest the Montreal Society might be considered as assuming an undue share of it. fluence.

It is to be observed, that the greater part of the members who voted in the negative, admitted the principle of the resolution, but objected to the mode and time of affirming it.

The Committee instructed to report a constitution of a Temperance Union, brought in the following report which was unaniraously adapted.

7. Resolved .- That in consequence of the small attendance of delegates at this Convention, and of the partially organized state of the province into District Unions, it is not expedient to proceed now to the formation of a Provincial Temperance Union, that the ed his duties to our entire satisfaction. following draft of a constitution be submitted to the District Unions and Societies in the province for their opinion thereon.

# PROPOSED CONSTITUTION.

at The Canada Temperance Paion, shall consist of all District or County Unione or Associations in Canada, which may be willing to connect themselves with it

- - 1 A President.
  - 2 The Presidents of all District Unions, as existing V ... Presidents.
    - 3 Twelve honorary Vice Presidents.
  - 4 A Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and a Commute of three persons to be collectively the executive Comment of the Umon, and to be as a necessary consequence residents of the same locality,
- 3d The Union shall hold an Anniversary Meeting on the day of each year at which each Ustriet Association small be expected to be represented by a least one delegate, and in furnish a circumstantial report of the state of the respective Sometics in said District. At this meeting also, the office bearers shall be elected for the ensuing year, and such above business shall be transacted as may appear desirable.

4th The delegation from each Association, shall have on all questions a voice proportionate to the number of members in good standing in the Temperance Societies it represents said number to be certified by the Committee of the Asso ciction in question.

Drafts of petitions to the Legislature and Magistrates were brought in and referred to the following Committee to mature and publish :- Dr. Beadle, Messrs, Lamb, Count, Le Stein and

The following resolutions were then unanimously passed with

- 8. Resolved,-That as we are wholly dependent on the Dinne this Convention recommends to the Districts throughout Cambia the propriety of only employing, as lecturers, men of religious, or at least irreproachable moral character.
- 9. Resolved .- That we earnestly entreat all Ministers of relation in Canada to take into their serious consideration the evils right. ing from the drinking customs of society so generally prevalent, and so fatally detrimental to the moral and religious improvement, as well as to the overthrow of the brightest hopes and prospects of families, communities, and the churches of God-and to adopt measures for remedying the evil.
- 10. Resolved,-That Temperance Societies throughout the Pravince be carnestly requested to disseminate temperance publications as a most important mode of advancing the cause.
- 11. Resolved,-That the Female members of Temperance Socie. ties be respectfully requested to exert their influence for the advance. ment of the cause, and that Associations of Children for the same purpose be approved of and encouraged.
- 12. Resolved,-That Superintendants of Schools and Teacher of the rising generation be most earnestly and respectfully requested to exert their influence in favour of the Temperance Reformation.
- 13. Resolved,-That masmuch as many lives and much valuable property are constantly committed to the charge of Masters and crews of vesses navigating our inland waters, they be earnestly entreated to abstain from the use of all intoxicating drinks, as much for their own good as for the safety of the public.
- 14. Resolved,-That this Committee do earnestly recommend that all meetings of Temperance Societies, where circumstances are suitable, be opened and closed with devotional exercises.
- 15. Resolved,--That we hereby record our thanks to Almighty God for the blessing he has so liberally vouchsafed to the Temperance Reformation hitherto, and to acknowledge that we look to Him for future success and final triumph.

16. Resolved,-That our thanks are due and are now tendered to the Trustees of this Chapel (Baptist) for kindly granting itsuse for the sitting of the Convention.

17. Resolved .- That the thanks of the Delegates be now given to Wm. T. Cameron, Esq., one of the Delegates from the Niagara District Union, for his able conduct in the chair, having discharg-

The Convention was then closed with Prayer by Rev. THAD-Dees Oscoop, Doxology and Apostolic Benediction.

> W. T. CAMERON, President. R. D. WADSWORTH, P. LESUEUR, Secretaires. NATH. LAMSON.

# CANADA TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE.

# ABSTRACT OF RETURNS MADE TO CONVENTION PRESENTED IN TABULAR FORM

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# RECAPITULATION.

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The Districts marked with an asterisk are organized into District Unions. The half of the Western District, viz., Esex County is united. In the other Districts no Unions have yet been formed. The following is a condensed statement of the votes recorded for the honorary offices of the proposed Provincial Temperance Union, from which it will be seen, that the greater part of the Societies neglected to vote.

# NOMINATION OF OFFICERS FOR CANADA TEMPERANCE UNION.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	VOTES
John Dougall	Montreal,	34
R. D. Wadsworth	46	10
M. Cameron, M.P.P	Port Sarnia,	6
James Court		
Jesse Ketchum		
Rev. H. O. Crofts		
J. P. Roblin, M.P.P		
Hon, R. B. Sullivan		2
And thirty-six gentlemen, one	vote cach.	

### REMARKS BY THE EDITOR.

From the Districts, Suncoe and Gaspè, there are no returns and from several as will be seen by the above list, next to none. The returns from all have been extremely limited and defective, giving a somewhat melancholy view of the activity and zeal of temperance men. We shall offer a few observations upon them.

Number of Members .- As only 116 societies out of about 500 including Roman Catholic, which exist in Canada, have reported the whole number of tec-totallers enrolled, supposing the average of the unreported societies, to be equal to that of those reported, would be 157,000. It may be thought that this average is too high, but when we remember the large Roman Catholic Societies of which we have no return whatever, we think it probably about right; besides a similar result is arrived at by some other calculations. For instance it was stated by the Delegates from the Niagara District, that there were 10,000 Tee-totallers in that District whereas only 1891 are reported. The Talbot District also is said to contain 2500, of whom only 500 are reported. Quebec contains we presume at least 4000, of whom only one society or 500 are reported. We may therefore safely estimate the tee-totallers of Canada, at 150,000 or about an eighth part of the population.

Voters .- The returns are even more defective, than those of Members, as many societies have, for various reasons-chiefly a fear of assuming a political aspect, declined to answer this question. The whole number of voters may probably be safely estimated at one tenth of the whole number of tee-totallers, viz. 15,000, or about an eighth part of all the voters in the Country.

Drunkards - The returns under this head are extremely unequal and defective, some have made no return, others state "many," others have evidently returned none but notorious and abandoned drunkards, whilst some, such as Lochiel, Indian Lands, Wentworth and Grenville, must have returned under this head every one who is occasionally the worse of liquor. If all societies had reported drunkards, in the same proportion, as those which have made returns, there would appear to be upwards of 50,000 drunkards in Canada, a number which is probably not exaggerated. On this subject however, we can state nothing definite.

Deaths from Intemperance.- Here again only such deaths as are distinctly and immediately traceable to excessive drinking, have, we presume been reported, and of these only 44 societies have reported at all, but it is notorious that a much larger number perish through diseases brought on by drinking, ang from the use of intexicating drinks annually in Canada.

Contributions to proposed Union .- The returns in figures are

cannot state the amount, &c. &c. So that we may at least double the sum from societies reported, and it would surely not be too much to expect that the great majority which have not reported, would give at least as much more. This would be a total of about £900.

Temperance Papers .- Whilst a few societies appear to be active in this important department of temperance effort, there are many which seem to think two or three copies of the Advocate sufficient for the 2000 or 3000 inhabitants within their bounds, and some to the question of "How many copies of Advocate or other temperance papers do you take?" have answered, "none but what are sent gratuitously! Is this right?

Meetings held .- This important element of success appears to have been neglected to a much greater extent than formerly. We trust there may be a revival of interest in temperance meetings throughout the country this year.

### PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

Resolved,-" That the constituted authorities being appointed for the welfare of society-and the traffic in intoxicating drinks being proved to be opposed to that welfare-therefore, they are unfaithful to their trust in as far as they license that traffic, and ought to be considered responsible for its disastrous effects."

It will be remembered, that the above resolution was proposed at the last annual meeting of the Montreal Society, but by reason of its important bearings, postponed for decision at a public meeting to be called for the express purpose of discussing it freely. This meeting it was deemed desirable to hold during the sittings of the Temperance Convention, in order that gentlemen from various parts of the country might have the opportunity of expressing their sentiments upon the question, though not forming part of the business of the Convention. The meeting was accordingly called for the evening of the 4th instant, and the discussion which proved remarkably earnest and interesting, occupied two evenings, on both of which, J. Covne, Esq. from St. Thomas, ably filled the chair. Messrs. Dougall, Wadsworth, Janes, LYMAN, and some others supported the resolution, and the Rev. Messrs. Gordon, of Gananoque, and TAYLOR, of Montreal, with Dr. Bernard, at whose instance it had been postponed, spoke

The chief arguments urged by the last named gentlemen were, That it would serve no good purpose to pass such a resolution, but rather irritate the authorities and prevent the co-operation we might otherwise expect. That if the license system were abolished, the alternatives were either prohibition of the traffic enforced by the strong arm of the law, or perfect freedom, for every one who chose, to engage in it; either of which was highly objectionable. That we should persuade men to cease drinking, and then the traffic would cease. That if the Magistrates were the special objects of the resolution, it was too exclusive, and that the Legislature and the public should share the blame, as the first made tho laws under which the Magistrates acted, and those laws were made in accordance with an erroneous public opinion; nay, Temperance men should share the blame for they had not done all in their power to remedy this erroneous public opinion. That the wording of the resolution was too vague, leaving it doubtful whether the Magistrates alone or Government generally were meant; and also whether legal or moral responsibility were intended.

The arguments in support of the resolution were briefly-That so that there are in all probability at least 2000 deaths, result. human governments of whatever form, or however constituted were unquestionably intended for the welfare of the community a proposition which held good with respect to all branches of very partial, many saying that they will try-others that their Government collectively, or any one of them separately. That collections for the cause, will bear a proportion to the frequency the traffic in intoxicating drinks was opposed to all the best interof lecturer's visits—others that they will give liberally, but ests of the people, whether moral, physical, social or political, a and which was admitted to the fullest extent by the speakers on the other side. That the licensing of this traffic constituted a participation in it, or in other words made it a partnership between the government and the trafficers to inflict gricyous injury on the public. That the only excuse for the Magistrate was ignorance, but in this case the truth had been so long, so faithfully, and so publicly proclaimed, that if he were ignorant, he was culpably so, as he must wilfully have shut himself up from the light of truth. That even supposing the evils would continue as great if the license system were abolished, still the guardians of the public welfare would not be partakers in the crime of inflicting them. That if it were right to mix up Government with this evil in order to regulate and diminish it, the same mode of reasoning would hold good with respect to other evils and crimes which would be manifestly absurd. That this evil was to a great extent supported and perpetuated by the respectability with which legal sanction invested it, and that whenever the trafficker was brought up at the bar of conscience or public opinion, his hoense was his never failing plea. That the traffic in intoxicating drinks inflicted a wrong upon the public compared with which the injuries inflicted by common thieves, robbers, murderers, &c., sunk into insignificance, and that however many individuals or classes might be implicated in inflicting this wrong the responsibility resting upon cach was no way diminished thereby. Because if two or twenty persons were engaged in a crime, each was not a half or a twentucth part guilty but wholly guilty-and therefore seeing that legislators, magistrates, distillers, tayern-keepers, &c. &c., had all a share in inflicting the evil; each was to be held responsible for the whole of the consequences; the guilt being fearfully aggravated in the two first classes, by their being the very persons to whom the public had a right to look for protection. That no law, divine or human, could compel legislators to frame license laws, or magistrates to act under them, and in point of fact magistrates were exposed to no penalty for conscientiously voting against all applications for licenses, if they believed the business to be a public nuisance-nay the chief object of their appointment-the public good-required them to do so. That it was not only ex. pedient but a solemn duty if we knew the truth in a matter of such vital importance, to declare it, and hold it up that all men might have their attention turned to it. That great principles such as this, were the foundation upon which all subsequent superstructure must be reared, and therefore it was of the very greatest consequence to establish them by irrefragable evidence and argument, &c. &c.

Both meetings were respectably, though somewhat thinly, attended, and when the vote was taken at the close, a considerable majority appeared in favor of the resolution in the following slightly altered form:—

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We must apologize to subscribers for being four days later than usual with this number of the Advocate; a delay occasioned by the difficulties attending the publication of the proceedings of the Convention, with the accompanying tables—information which we judged the country would look for in this number. We have still several important matters connected with this Convention to present to the public, particularly a review of the debates on disputed questions, and an abstract of the valuable information and remarks

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### FORM OF A PETITION.

To the Worshipfu! the Magistrates of the \_\_\_\_\_ District, the petition of the undersigned inhabitants of

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That this District has long been grievously afflicted with the evils resulting from the traffic in intoxicating drinks; evils so numerous and notonious that we need not specify them.

That whilst we admit the necessity for houses of public entertainment, we cannot see any reason why they should be connected with the sale of intoxicating drinks, a branch of business, which, instead of making them more useful, is calculated to make them the scourges of their respective neighbourhoods, to gather round them the worst portion of the community—to make them seenes of drunkenness, profanity, and oftentimes disturhance, and, therefore, materially to injure them as houses of accommodation for respectable travellers.

That the law requires not only a certificate from a magistrate that a tavern for the sale of intoxicating drinks is needed, but a license from the magistrate for said tavern, before it can be opened; thereby rendering it a necessary condition to its establishment, that an incongruous partnership be entered into between the guardians of the public peace and good morals, and that traffic which is opposed to both. A partnership which must be grievous to all who are convinced of the evils of the traffic in question.

That the law, however, imposes no penalty for refusing to certify that a tavern for the sale of intoxicating drinks is required, nor for voting against applications for licenses, and, therefore, Magistrates who are conscientiously opposed to the traffic, may not only avoid doing what they know to be calculated to injure the community, but have great powers placed in their hands for the protection of the public interests, which indeed, is the legitimate object of their appointment.

That, instead of protecting the public against the traffic in intoxicating drinks as far as the law will permit, it has, we lament to sav, been too common to violate the plan and undoubted conditions of the law in order to increase that traffic. Taverns have been opened in such excessive numbers, that no one could say they were all required, while many of them were positively destitute of the accommodations absolutely demanded by law—than which nothing can be more calculated to injure society, or tend more to withdraw public confidence from the Magistracy, results destructive of good government, and which we would deeply deplore.

Wherefore your Petitioners most respectfully pray that your Worshipful body, will afford to the public all the protection in the premises that a strict interpretation of the existing laws will permit, and that so many of your Worships as believe the traffic in intoxicating drinks as a heverage, to be injurious to the best interests of the community, will henceforth refuse to give certificates, or grant licenses for the establishment and support of said traffic.

## NOTICE TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

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# EDUCATION.

# Old Humphrey's Observations.

Shame upon us! Shame upon us! when our friends are taken away from this world of tribulation, we think mere of their perish-

ing bodies than we do of their immortal souls. We go amid the fat her, and listen, for she wished to say something more about the gloom of eventide to sigh over their graves, rather than take the wings of the morning to visit their enfranchised spirits in the mansions of the blessed. Shame upon us! Shame upon us!

I think it is Franklin who says, or intimutes, that we should not be immoderately moved at the carriages of our friends being ready first, seeing that ours are so soon to follow. But, alas! it is so easy to talk philosophy. I could pour out the affections of my heart for my friends gone before me, even to sobbing: this is my infirmity; I ought to know better, nay, I do know better-but in things of this sort a heart-rush sweeps away head-knowledge.

It is a hard thing, to be sure, to part with those who have been all consolation can make it easy to us; but when we think of the glorious things He has prepared in heaven for his people, our tears for those who die in Christ should be those of thankfulness, and

our sorrow should be turned into joy.

To a Christian, death appears the portal to eternal life, and therefore he ought to rejoice when a fellowpilgrun to the heavenly city is mercifully permitted to pass through it; but it is otherwise with the worldly man; the grave must needs be a fearful thing to him who has no hope beyond it. It has often been a puzzle to my mind, how worldly men bear up under the loss of their friends. Is it not enough to touch our hearts, to see those who have been precious to us as the "ruddy drops that warm the heart," stretched on a bed of sickness, unconscious of our presence and sympathy? To hear the hard-drawn breath, and midnight moan; to mark the glazed eye, the heaving breast, and the falling jaw, while the last breath rattles in the throat?

Are not these things, and the shroud, the coffin, the mattock, and the grave, enough to try humanity to the utmost, without the intolerable burden, the soul-sickening persuasion, that we have

parted with our friends for ever?

Surely the cup of sorrow that every sincere mourner has to drink is bitter enough, without the gall and wormwood of an eternal separation! Blessed be God, for his gracious promises of an eternal

world, for they are as unchangeable as eternity itself!

What poor creatures we are! Here have I received tidings that a highly respected and dearly beloved friend has been removed from the gloom of earth to the glory of heaven, and yet I cannot rejoice. My selfish heart will brood over what it has lost, and will not exult over what my friend has gained. In our day we had shared both joy and sorrow. We had taken "sweet counsel together, and walked to the house of God in company," Isa. lv. 14. We had encouraged each other to endure wordly trouble patiently, and to rejoice in the hope set before us of eternal glory: and yet for all these things I cannot help visiting his resting-place in sorrow.

But the spirit is not there! It is a better employment, and more likely to be successful, to prepare to follow our Christian friends to the heaven of heavens, than to wish to drag them once more down to this poor perishable world. I am ashamed of myself, for every now and then a tear rolls down my check, and tells me that my earthly affections are opposing my heavenly desires

and consolations.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH'S DEPARTMENT.

# Rollo at School.

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In the mean time Rollo went on studying the lesson which Miss Mary had assigned him, and took care to be still and industrions. This was partly because he was somewhat afraid among so many strangers. By and by there was a recess, and then the children played around among the trees, in the orchard, and enjoyed themselves very much. Henry led Rollo around behind the house, where they could see through the cracks of a high fence into a large yard, where there were hens and chickens, and ducks, and little goslings. Rollo and Henry looked through, and Rollo wanted to go around and see them, but Henry told him they were not allowed to go to that side of the house without lcave.

Just before it was time for school to be closed, Miss Mary asked all the scholars to shut up their books and put them away. They all did so, and they took pams to put them in neat order in their desks. When the room was still, she told them all to look butterfly.

The scholars all looked towards her much interested, only Lucy seemed rather troubled. She was afraid that Miss Mary was going to find fault with her, before all the school, for causing so much disturbance. When, however, all were still, Miss Mary ad. dressed them thus :-

"I find, children, that that great butterfly did not come into the school-room this morning of his own accord. One of the scholars brought him m."

Here Lucy hung her head and looked ashamed. The rest of the scholars looked around upon one another, wondering who it could almost as dear to us as our own souls, and no one but the God of be. Rollo looked up very boldly, with a very self-satisfied air, pleased to think both that he was not himself the guilty one, and that he knew who was.

"I am sure it was not I," said Henry.

" Hush," said Rollo.

Miss Mary took no notice of these remarks, but proceeded

"It was one of the girls, but I am not going to tell you which one it was. She found the large butterily, and brought it into school and put it in her desk. Was this right or wrong !"

"Wrong," said the children.

"Yes, it is wrong to bring anything to school that will take off your attention from your studies. But I do not think she was very much to blame. She did not think much about it. Still she intended to play with it, and this was wrong.

" Now when she heard what I said at the beginning of the school about regarding sin in your heart, she was sorry that she had the butterfly in her desk, and concluded to put him out. Was this right or wrong?"

" Right," said the children.

"Yes, she was certainly in a right state of mind about it. She determined to give up her secret sin. I am afraid that there were some other children in the school who heard what I said, and who could think of some secret sins which they were cherishing, and which they could not find it in their hearts to give up, as this girl was willing to give up hers."

Here Rollo, in his turn, began to hang his head a little, and

Lucy looked up considerably relieved.

"But the butterfly did not go out of the window. The girl threw the sprig that he was upon, but it fell down upon the window sill."

"What is the window sill?" said a little bright-eyed girl, who sat in front of Miss Mary, and was looking up to her very attentively.

"It is that wooden piece that goes across the bottom of the window," said Miss Mary, pointing to it.

"The butterfly," she continued, "lodged there and then flew back into the room, just at the commencement of prayers. Now I want you to consider whether this girl was to blame, or not, for this disturbance."

The scholars gave various answers: some said yes, and some said no.

"There was a man once," continued Miss Mary, "who had two boys: he told them not to play ball in the yard, for fear they should break the windows, but that they might play in the field. When his father went away, one of the boys played in the yard but did not happen to break any glass. The other played in the, field, as his father had allowed han; but once, when he gave the ball a hard knock, it came over to the house, and broke a pane in one of the parlor sashes. When their father came home and heard how it was, he said that one of his boys had been very much to blame; which do you think it was, the one who broke the glass. or the one who disobeyed his father?"

"The one who disobeyed," said the children.

"Yes," said Miss Mary, " and if he had broken a window, by playing in the yard, he would not have been any more guilty than he was without breaking it. So that when you do any thing wrong, you are to blame, whether any bad consequences come from it or not. If a bad boy throws a stone at another, he is just as much to blame if it does not hit him as he is if it does. If you go to a dangerous place where you are forbidden to go, you are just as much to blame if you get back safely as you would be if got hurt. If you stop to play coming to school, you are just as much to blame if you find school has not begun when you get here, as you would be if you were very tardy. Don't you all think so !"

" No, ma'am," said the little bright-eved girl.

" Why not !" said Miss Mary.

"Because if we are not tardy then there is no harm done."

"Yes, there is great harm done. You do what you know is wrong; you thus hurt your peace of mind, make yourselves unhappy, and make it easier for you to do wrong the next time; you disobey your parents or your teacher, and offend Almighty God."

The little girl was convinced and did not say another word.

"Now," said Miss Mary, " to go back to the butterfly,-the girl who brought hun in determined to let him go again, to prevent his making any play or disturbance in school. But instead of this she unfortunately caused a great disturbance. Now was she to biame for this disturbance ?"

"No, ma'am," said all the children.

"That is right, and I did not blame her at all. And now since I do not blame her for it at all, why do you suppose I have made all this talk about a butterfly?"

The children looked at Miss Mary without answering,

It is to teach you several important truths. Can any of you tell what truths I have been attempting to teach you by this conversation?"

The children hesitated. At length one said timidly, "We must not stop to play, coming to school."

"We are not to blame if we break the windows accidently," said another.

"We must not bring playthings into school," said a third.

"That is pretty well," said Miss Mary; "I see you understand what I have been saying, but perhaps I can express it better than

"When you do wrong, your guilt depends upon your hearts, your intentions, and your acts, and not upon the bad consequence that follow. When bad consequences follow, they do not make you guilty when you mean and do right; and if they do not follow, that does not make you innocent when you mean and do wrong.

"That is the main thing I have been endeavoring to teach. The other things that the children mentioned are true also, and I hope you will remember them. Whenever you stop to play by the way without leave, and whenever you bring any playtings se-crelly to school, you are doing wrong, and that whether you get into any difficulty by it or not."

When Miss Mary had said this she struck a little bell gently, which was before her upon her table, and all the scholars rose and began to talk and put on their things. So Rollo knew that school was done. The girls and boys went out of the door, and

after this he found it quite easy to go directly to school and back, and never got into trouble by loitering on the way. A great many boys and garls get gradually into the habit of stopping to play, in going to and from school, until at last their parents or teacher, after warning them and reproving them a great many times, are at high obliged to punish them; and by this time the habit has become so confirmed that they suffer a great deal of have executed great works of draining at their own expense, charg-trouble and sorrow before they are cured. Rollo had great real ing the touchts interest on the money so invested in the land. son to be thankful to Miss Mary for the instructions she gave han on his first day at her school.

# AGRICULTURE.

(Continued from 174.)

are not easily attainble by individuals moving continually within the same circle, comparing themselves with none but their own neighbours, and having few means of seeing or hearing what is done beyond the contracted sphere of the native village and the nearest market-town; such men are usually prepossessed, in a degree commensurate with their ignorance, with a notion that no improvement can be for the better. But the institution of associations for the propagation of knowledge in the pursuits of agriculture has, to a great degree, convinced the occupiers of our lands that agriculture is not only a practical art, but a science of the highest order, requiring a combination of many subordinate sciences to consummate its perfection. It is now admitted that the sciences of chemistry, of animal and vegetable physiology, and mechanics, from the foundations not only of the theory but of the practice of that foremost and most important of arts, whose object is to obtain supplies of food, by co-operating with the laws established by nature to regulate the growth and multiplication of the animal and vegetable productions of the earth. "Agriculture," savs Liebig, "is both an art and a seence; its scientific basis embraces a knowledge of all conditions of vegetable life! of the origin of the elements of plants, and of the sources whence they derive their nourishment." "Science with practice" is the motto on the seal of the Royal Agricultural Society of England; and there is at this time a felicitous concurrence of opinions and circumstances that favours the invention and acceptence of ameliorated methods of husbandry; a strong opinion is rapidly extending it. self among practical farmers, that science is capable of teaching improved methods of managing their land, and there is a ready disposition on the part of scientific men to devote there attention to subjects conceted with agriculture. We have in Germany, Liebig and Sprengel; in France, Roussingault, Dumas, and Payen; whilst in England, Johnston and Playfair, and Daubeny and Henslowe, are actively exerting themselves by lectures to associations of farmers, and to students in the universities, and by publications suggesting experiments founded on the theoretical deductions of science in their several departments of chemistry, and botany, and physic-

Recent experiments on a large scale have fully demonstrated that the dramage of all lands that are not naturally dry is the antecedent condition of every other agricultural improvement; it is vain to apply the most fertilizing manures, unless the free access of their elements to the root of the growing plant be secured by the permeability of the soil.

The first requisite to the introduction of these improvements is the example and co-operation of the landlords in the indispensable work of thorough-draining all wet land; and this has usually been nalked along the path, two and three together, talking and effected at the joint expense of the owner and the occupier, the laughing, and skinping along merrily. Rollo and Henry followed | former supplying tiles or stones, and the latter the labour of laying the rest; they separated at the gate, and each went towards his them in the ground. During the last thirdeen years the Duke of win home.

Rutland has drained 5500 acres, and laid in the ground about As Rollo walked along alone, the question at once came up in 11,000,000 of tiles, upon his property in Leicestershire, to the his mind whether he should just go and look at the bird's nest a great advatage both of the owner and occupier and of the pubmoment or not. He saw now very clearly that it would be wrong; lie-the Duke providing the tiles, which are fixed in the ground that even if he did not stop but a minute, so as to be only so little at the expense of the tenants, under the direction of his Grace's after the proper time that his mother should not notice it, still it surveyors. The Duke of Bedford has proposed to his tenents would be wrong; and even if he should run afterwards, so as to the choice of three methods of co-operating in the drainage of get home without being late at all, it would be wrong. And so he, their farms. 1. The Duke offers to undertake one half the exdetermined not to do any such thing. He determined to work a teethy by. Nest or no nest, eggs or no eggs, he deter drains the tenants paying the other nan and mooning continging the other nan and determined not to do any such thing. He determined to walk dispense of tiles and soles and labour in cutting and filling the This decision saved Rollo a great deal of trouble, for always of labour, and carriage; or, 3. The Duke will be at the whole expense, the carriage excepted, and charge seven per cent. per ann'm on the amount of his outlay; the work to be executed under the superintendence of his Grace's agent. Similar operations upon a small scale have been going on for a long time past in obscure corners of almost every part of England; and in Scotland many large proprietors, more especially the Duke of Portland.

> The objects of draming are of two kinds; one to dispose of the rain-water that descends from above, the other to prevent the water of land-springs from ascending to the surface. The evil in each case is the saturation of the soil with water to the destruction of corn and all the finer grasses, and to the encourage. ment of coarse sour grasses, rushes, and sedge.

The cheapest and most frequent mode of removing water derived from above or from below, is by shallow open gutters on the The first step towards every amendment is a conviction that surface both of arable and pasture lands; but in each case the we are not yet arrived at perfection; and convictions of this kind remedy is imperfect, as it leaves the roots at a few inches below the surface too long and too frequently immersed in water. The tbeen a scanty crop of oats, seeded down with clover and grass more effective but in we costly remedy for both these evils is found in thorough-draining with deep gutters placed blow the level to which the roots of corn or grasses usually descend. By these the not been confined to the field on which it was made. The tenant, water of land-springs is prevented from rising into contact with who in 1840 was afraid to undertake its drainage at his own the roots, and the rain is so absorbed, that it neither forms ponds, nor saturates and destroys the permeability of the soil or subsoilthe same drains that carry off the water which ascends from subterraneous sources, removing also the rain that descends into them; by percolating the soil.

The practice both of carrying off ground springs by deep drains, and removing rain-water by shallow gutters on the surface, is of most ancient use; but the doctrine is new, that where there are no ground-springs, a system of under-drains, not less than thirty inches deep, and from twenty to thirty feet apart, is profitable for a large proportion of our cultivated lands.

The name of thorough-draining has been recently applied to this more perfect mode of removing water both from the loose and perous soils through which ground-springs ascend, producing bogs and swamps upon the surface, and also from dense clav-soils which, as soon as they are wet, are impenetrable to rain. These thorough drains cause the rain of every shower to descend through the soil into the subsoil, imparting to every root it bathes in its downward passage the fertilizing elements of aminonia and carbonic acid, with which each drop of rain is charged. In the early months of spring, when the atmosphere is often warmer than the earth, the descent of rain-water through the soil applies to the plants the further benefit of heat-which is brought down by warm showers, and imparted to the earth wherever the rain finds a free descent through porous soils. There is a further cause of higher and more genial temperature in lands whose soil is dry, in their exemption from that loss of heat by the evaporation of stagnant water, which keeps cold the surface of all lands upon which water is permitted to accumulate. The power of sowing early and getting an early harvest, is another benefit resulting from the drainage of wet lands. Nor are the benefits of drainage limited to vegetation only :- we have also to include the extinction of agues and fevers in regions which had been rendered unhealthy by the miasmata exhaled from decomposing vegetables in the stagnant waters upon their surface.

It is consolatory to know that nearly one third part of England, which is composed of ill-cultivated land, may, by thoroughdraining be converted to land of the second order of productiveness, and made to yield in many cases nearly double the amount of produce that it has ever done. It is encouraging to hear of the immediate benefits resulting from drainage in the substitution of valuable green-crops in the place of barren summer fallows, and in the power of cultivating roots, and feeding sheep, on lands where, in their undrained state, it was almost impossible; add to this augmented produce, the economy of labor and capital by ploughing with two horses, the reduction of cost in horse-meat and harness, and the dimmished wear and tear of heavy implements, and the gain of time, in which one man with two horses can plough an acre of drained land sooner than a man and boy can plough land that has not been drained with four or five. need no further facts to show the vast advantage which the prospect of a general introduction of thorough-draining would impart to the entire community, if means can be devised to meet the large expenditure of money that is required to accomplish so des rable unend.

Sir Robert Peel has rendered to his neighbours a valuable service by his experiment in thorough-draining a few acres of wet land at Drayton Manor, the details of which are recorded in the third volume of these "Transactions." The field selected was in the worst condition of any that could be found on the estate; its subsoil an admixture of sand grave land clay, sufficiently tenacious to cause it to be half covered with shallow ponds of water. In the autumn of 1849 it was thorough-drained and subsoiled in the manner recommended by Smith of Deanston, and having been manured with lime and rotten dung, was sown, in the month of June, 1841, with several kinds of turnips, which, notwithstanding prophecies of failure from the late period of sowing, produced crops varying from sixteen to twenty-seven tons per acre. In 1842 it yielded a crop of barley so large that it fell to the ground with its own weight—followed in 1843, by a not less abundant produce of clover. The restoration of this field to a state of fertility was instantaneous. The value of the first year's crop of turnips went far towards repayment of the cost of drainage; and the land-whose last produce before the drawinge had sold.

that was almost worthless—was at once brought into a state of permanent fertility. The beneficial effect of the experiment has charge, and gave up the field in order that the experiment might be made by its owner, is now adopting the same process at his own expense in an adjacent field, which he would never have dared to drain without the assurance of success resulting from the example his of landlord—an example which should produce the further and infinitely more important benefit of convincing other landlords of the electric efficacy of one small and good experiment, conducted by themselves. Sir Robert Pee's experiment on a single field has the further advantage of showing the applicability of the benefits of thorough-draining and subsoil-ploughing to estates of the smallest extent-even to an insulated acre.

# NEWS.

Sir Robert Peel, on the 6th of May, introduced into the House of Commons the long expected and very important measure for the renewal and modification of the charter of the Bank of Eng.

" He proposed to divide the Bank of England into two branches -one to be a bank of issue, the other a bank of deposit. The former to issue paper to the extent of fourteen millions sterling, the Government holding security in the sum of eleven millions due from the Government to the bank, in addittion to the three millions of stock which is to serve as a guarantee for the amount of notes. The new bank of deposit is to manage the national debt, and serve private customers, and it is guaranteed certain exclusive privileges; it will have the power of contracting and expanding the circulation under proper regulations. The accounts of the bank to be published weekly. No new bank of issue to be permitted, and those which are already in operation to be confined to their average issues of the last two years. As in the case of the Bank of England, so of the country banks, the accounts are to be recorded at short intervals. Local banks to possess the power, if they choose to arrange for the issue of the notes of the Bank of England instead of their own. Increasing facilities are given to Joint Stock Banks to sue and to be sued, but the regulations concerning partners in those establishments proceed on the principle of publicity. Registration of the papers, prospectuses, and partners, are amongst the measures devised for the prevention of bubble companies and frauds on the public."

Mr. O'Connel's sentence has been postponed until the next term of the Court; for what reason has not transpired.

Norris Castle, Isle of Wight, is to be the Royal Marine residence. It has been purchased for £60,000.

There is a rumor affoat, which, it is stated, has caused considerable uneasiness and dissatisfaction among the immediate connections of Mr. Daniel O'Connell. It is credibly behaved that he is about to re-nter the holy bonds of wedlock, with a sister of a distinguished member of Trinity College, and, moreover, a staunch member of the tenets of the Church of England.

The Ministry are becoming weak, having recently suffered two defi ats. There has been in the Chamber of Deputies a discussion on the abolition of slavery in the colonies. The prevailing opinion seemed to be that slavery must sooner or later disappear from the French posessions, but an immediate abolition would be very disastrous.

The Duchess of Kent is still in Paris, where she continues to receive the utmost attention and hospitality of Louis Phillippe and The intended visit of the King to England is again his family.

The state of trade is represented as in a deplorable condition.

A new Spanish Ministry was formed on the 4th inst, consisting of Gen. Narvaez, President of the Council, and Minister of War. The Marquis de Villuma, Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Its cause was very generally attributed to the influence of the Queen's mother, who, it was said, insisted upon the sales of the national property being stopped, and the restoration to the secular clergy of all that part of the church property which remains un-

### PORTUGAL.

After a most striking display of the weakness of the Portuguese Government, Aldmeida has surrendered, and Bomfim, with all the other chiefs and officers, have been permitted to retire into Spain. The men, on laying down their arms, were allowed to disband, and proceed to their former occupations of brigandage, without the slightest molestation.

Welearn, via, Marseilles, that the Neapolitan insurrection has assumed an alarming aspect. So much so, that Calabria no longer obeyed the orders of the King. Meanwhile political executions have commenced in the Roman states. Seven individuals were shot at Bologna on the 14th.

### BAVARIA.

There have been some serious riots at Munich, in consequence of a rise in the price of beer! A furious mob attacked the brewers, and destroyed much property. They were finally dispersed by the military, but not until several were killed. Government subsequently circulated placards, announcing that beer would be sold at the old price. This news soon spread through the city, and immediately restored quiet.

### TURKEY.

We have accounts from Albani of another dreadful massacre; hopes are entertained that they may prove exaggerated, but there is every reason to suppose that they are too true. The Greek town of Egri Planka, situated between Uscup and Giustandie, in Roumelia, is said to have been attacked, pillaged and burnt, by a large body of insurgent Albanians; and it is added that upwards of two thousand Christian inhabitants were massacred.

FRIGHTFUL CONSPIRACY AT DAMASCUS .- The Manheim Journal quotes a letter from Constantinople of the 39th ult, stating that a conspiracy for the massacre of the Turks, and the establishment of a native government had been discovered at Damascus. More than 600 Arabs of the best families are said to have been in the

### AMERICA.

The tr aty for the annexation of Texas has been rejected by a large majority in the Senate of the United States.

The removal of the Government offices, &c. to Montreal, is nearly completed.

Emigrants are arriving in large numbers, generally, to all appearance in excellent health and comfortable circumstances.

### MONTREAL PRICES CURRENT.-June 17.

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Pearl	Do do bbls - \$7
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WHEAT 5s 5d to 5s 8d	TALLOW 5d
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OAT-MEAL - 7s 6d per. cut.	CHEESE 3d a 51d
Pork-Mess 813	Exchange—London 1 prem.
P. Mess \$11	N. York 21
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### REMARKS.

Montreal, June 19 .- The spring trade in imported goods which has been remarkably brisk and satisfactory is nearly over and an unusual number of buyers have gone to Britain to procure supplies for the fall trade. The Lumber trade in Quebec has also been very good and staves in particular, have advanced from £30 to £37 10s. The produce of the country generally, however has been somewhat depressed, but after all, prices have compared favourably with the corresponding prices of last year. Wheat has been sold at 5s 5d to 5s 9d, probably averaging 5s 7d Flour 28s down to 21s 6d, averaging we presume 26s 6d, against an average price last year of about 5s 3d and 22s 6d. It is true! there is a difference of 2s 6d Stg. in the British duty in favour of this year, but the rise in the rate of freight, viz. from 3s to 5s Stg. nearly counterbalances this, so that under all circumstances and with the prospect of abundant crops both in Britain and America shippers have paid a more liberal price this year than last.

Ashes have ranged from 26s 6d down to 24s 3d for pots, and Rev. G. Chency, Stoney Cicck, from 27s to 25s for pearls, thereby defeating all calculations D. Skelley, Beamsville,

based on the experience of former years, in which the price advanced, as the number of vessels in port increased. This fall is partly attributed to the great increase in the quantity manufac. tured in the United States, and Canada, and partly to an ad. vance in the rate of freight from 22s 6d Stg. per ton, to 32s 6d. The prices of this year, however, still compare favourably with last, when the prospects for shipment, all things considered were much better. Pots are in request at our quotations, but pearls are entirely neglected.

Pork is in moderate demand at rates disproportionately high, when compared with those in New York, but our quotations for beef, are nominal, the article being quite unsaleable at present; and the rates in New York extremely low.

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