

den, who was compassed in the rebellion, has been resigned by the authorities, but the charges are being left with help charges. The ladies' spleen is anything but cast down, and exhibit a boasting, as of yore, of their high and mighty connections. Madame Perzel would willingly have her children with her; but her husband, in his hurry to escape, left her completely without money, so she has not wherewith to defray the expense of their journey. Another officer who has just arrived here from Comora, informs us that he had, when there, an opportunity of seeing a young man called Nell, who having left aside the modesty and humility of her sex, had not only dined the Honore uniform, but had been actively engaged in fourteen battles. This second Joan of Arc is about twenty years of age. The Honore officers who have joined Comora, are by no means humbled by their late disaster; for, not content with parading the streets in Peash in full uniform, they appear in the theatre a few nights since, with plumes at their sides. As we were to be expected, a proclamation appeared the next morning, prohibiting their wearing side arms for the future. The uniforms were not mentioned, as it is known that they were wearing side arms, which it is to be hoped that the executives of the unfortunate men at Arad, and that of Count Battyani, will induce these misguided men at once to retire into private life, instead of their arrogant bearing, exciting the indignation of the authorities, and every imperial soldier. I have to-day received a letter from Peeth, which informs me that Count Battyani was shot between the waist and six o'clock in the afternoon of the 5th. My correspondent at Arad writes that the charge of the unfortunate man at Arad, and that of Count Battyani, will induce these misguided men at once to retire into private life, instead of their arrogant bearing, exciting the indignation of the authorities, and every imperial soldier. I have to-day received a letter from Peeth, which informs me that Count Battyani was shot between the waist and six o'clock in the afternoon of the 5th. My correspondent at Arad writes that the charge of the unfortunate man at Arad, and that of Count Battyani, will induce these misguided men at once to retire into private life, instead of their arrogant bearing, exciting the indignation of the authorities, and every imperial soldier.

the direction it most required to be issued, it has caused those who never acquired belief to enquire and search for themselves, and the result of all this has been to strengthen the good cause, and indefinitely postpone the danger of "Annexation." We take it that the parties who set in motion that question have by this time found out their mistake. It is a strong fact that throughout the whole Province, they have found scarcely a single newspaper to join them, and that they are at the present moment infinitely weaker than they were when they had just issued their manifesto. No where have they succeeded in getting up a demonstration in their favor. In Montreal, the few influential parties who at first (unfortunately, we think) allowed their names to be made use of, are understood to decline proceeding further in the matter. — Montreal Transcript.



HURON SIGNAL.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1849.

ANNEXATION OF THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS.

We had partly resolved to take no further notice of the Annexation bubble, from a conviction that it will fall to the ground of its own accord. But, a late number of the *Sherbrooke Gazette*, we have observed a Requisition sanctioned by nearly one thousand names, of what we suppose to be Electors of the County of Sherbrooke, and addressed to A. T. GALT, Esq., their Representative. The Requisition expresses their cordial approval of the annexation contained in the Montreal Annexation Manifesto, and request the opinions of their Member on the subject: to which Mr. GALT has responded at some length, not only approving of the Annexation movement, but also advising his best reasons in defence of it. Now, Mr. GALT is not only a clever man, but a man of much influence, and although we are satisfied that no amount of influence or reasoning will induce Great Britain to submit quietly to the loss of her North American Colonies at present, yet we are equally satisfied that the influence and example of such men as Mr. GALT may be the means of inducing many simple, well-meaning men to join in an action which may terminate in their ruin. Mr. GALT says—"I would shrink from advocating a course which would array Canadians against their fellow subjects in Britain," and we are willing to believe that this declaration is made in sincerity. But every man who has paid any attention to the conduct of mankind, must be aware that the great majority are easily excited upon any subject, and that however peacefully they may unite in an agitation, they become bold and resolute as they proceed, till, at length, the object which was to be attained by fair discussion and reasoning, will be attempted by threats and violence. For our own parts, we feel perfectly convinced, that if this agitation is pursued in full view of the least intelligent portion of our fellow Colonists, it will fully warranted on the subject, and fully impressed with the conviction that they have a right to throw off the authority of the Parent State, and that it would be their interest to do so—a civil war in miniature will be the result. We say "in miniature," for it must necessarily be on a very small scale, unless the United States should sympathize with, and assist the Annexationists; and under the existing commercial relations of Great Britain and America, this assistance need scarcely be reckoned on. But supposing that the magnitude of the rebellion should not exceed the magnitude of New England, will it not be a limited disturbance, such an affair involving consequences serious enough to deter every good man from being instrumental in producing it? Sufferings, misery, and death, will result to a number of individuals—the public mind will be alarmed and excited—the business of every kind will be brought to a stand—credit and character of the province will receive a shock which will be felt for years, while on the other hand, not one iota of good can possibly result from it, either to the cause of liberty or to the furtherance of Annexation. Now, as Mr. GALT would shrink from the advocacy of a course that would lead to hostilities with the Mother Country, he is aware that our opinions of the reckless and uncontrollable impetuosity of the mass of mankind, when once excited on a political subject, are substantially correct, and as he must admit that the probability of Britain opposing Annexation is very strong, we think before proceeding one step farther in the advocacy of the subject, he should urge upon the leaders of the movement, the honesty and the humanity of first ascertaining the mind of the British Government on the question. If the Imperial Government will declare that the Annexation question may be settled by the voice of the Canadian people, then, we have no objection to any amount of lawful agitation on the part of the Annexationists, for the purpose of gaining a majority. But the man who endeavors to excite the hopes and passions of the ignorant multitude with the bubble of "peaceable Annexation," while, at the same time, he feels the conviction that the British army stands between Canada and the United States, is, in our mind, an enemy, not only to the prosperity of Canada, but also an enemy to the progress of civilization and the well being of his own species.

We feel satisfied, that even with the consent of the British Government, it would be impossible to induce a majority, or even a respectable minority of the people of Upper Canada to agree to a Union with the State. We are too proud of our national individuality to consent to be integral, or become a mere insignificant part of the unwieldy Republic. Even in our present Colonial capacity, we occupy a much prouder position, and a more independent political existence, than any State of the Union. We are entire strangers to the misery and degradation complained of by the Annexationists, and unless some better and more tangible objections to our present condition are brought forward than those alluded to in this section of the Province are likely to bug their prejudices in favor of British connexion. It is generally known that we pay less taxes than the people of the Republic. The tradesman receives a much higher price for his labor, and, with the exception of grain, the farmer receives a much higher price for his produce

the workmanship of the cabinet maker, the shoemaker, the tailor, the blacksmith, the silversmith, the tanner, the baker, the machinist, and almost every other trade can be purchased in Detroit, Buffalo, or Rochester, for nearly one half what it would cost in Upper Canada. Cheese, butter, and hams, are much cheaper in these places than in Canada, and if we take the whole States of the Union, it will be found that the price of wheat in Canada is above the average. It is unjust and unreasonable to take the price of wheat in the State of New York, and exhibit it as a fair specimen of the value of the article throughout the Union. But take the price in New York, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin, and the price in Canada is present is considerably above the average. The transit from Chicago to the seaboard is easier and cheaper than from Goderich, and yet the Huron farmer is receiving ten or twelve cents per bushel more for his wheat than the farmer at Chicago.

The idea of Annexation brings American capital to circulate freely amongst us, to the great benefit of our agriculture. We believe the circulating Yankee will build no railroad unless he sees a prospect of a full return. In short, it appears to us that the Annexationists wish to unite merely in the hope of sharing or getting themselves heirs to a large portion of Jonathan's wealth, and we doubt if Jonathan is disposed to make any such foolish bargain. If their public lands are more valuable than ours, it is chiefly because ours are badly managed, and the cure of this evil is entirely in our own hands, and not in those of the Annexationists, who have no right to interfere with the private property of our citizens. If we have to share the burden of the debt and the expense of the States, and it is doubtful if their condition at this moment is five per cent. better than it was before we were annexed. In reference to Mr. GALT's main argument, viz: that we have no public works—no safe and remunerative investment for capital, and few opportunities of preferment or distinction to stimulate or reward the talent of our youth, we must admit that the limited population of Canada, scattered over a large extent of territory, and the fact that nineteen twentieths of that population are such as have been driven from their native land by sheer poverty, afford but little room for speculative Fortune making, and equally little room for literary or walk distinction. Hence it is in some measure to be regretted that the country for the idle speculator, and the military hero, for the idle speculator or valiant. But these fields of fortune making, and these leaders of public opinion must not be taken as an index to the public comfort.—Great Britain has at this moment a greater amount of capital invested in public works, in mercantile and manufacturing speculation—a greater field of promotion, more idle Gentlemen, and more large salaries and pensions than any other country in the world, and yet the mass of the people toil more, and are worse fed, and worse clothed than the laboring masses of Canada—in fact, they are living in actual misery, and are impelled by absolute want to flee from the land of capital and manufacturers, and of well-paid ambition, to seek a comfortable subsistence—a fair remuneration for their industry in the wilds of Canada.

The Annexation movement has been got up by a few place-hunters, and a few mercenary speculators, who have discovered that the present circumstances of Canada are not adapted to their lofty aspirations—their lofty lamentations of ruin and decay result exclusively to their own condition, and are likely to be estimated at their true value by the industrious population. It is generally understood that the chief cause of the difference in the market price of wheat, in New York and Montreal, arose from the difference in freight at these ports; and every intelligent farmer knows that the repeal of the Navigation Laws will go far in equalizing these differences, and in waiting patiently for the result. In reality, the one political evil of Canada is the expense of her Government, and the salaries of her officials. The redress lies in the hands of the people, and if they lack courage to use it, we should for our own part, be sorry to see it advocated as a drag to the energies of Jonathan—and if they do use it successfully, the Annexation bubble will soon burst.

WHO MADE THE DRUNKARD?

May has often been designated the "season of creation," and it must be admitted that it is not the only contradiction in nature, he at least the most striking one is, in as far as our knowledge of sensible creatures extends, the only animal which acts voluntarily and deliberately in opposition to the principles of his own happiness. Self-preservation and an instinctive and invariable abhorrence of pain are prominent characteristics of all living things; man, however, at times, appears as the reckless, lawless monster of nature. Often, when he is wondering at the frail fortitude of the poor household insect, he has seen him, with a resolute and unflinching purpose, take his stand on the edge of a precipice, where there is no visible support; but, there a deep and a gullible stupidity exhibited every day by a man. Two months is required by a strong instinctive desire for light, and without the benefit of education or the capability of reasoning, is induced to seek the gratification of his desire unconscious and unperceptive of danger—his first adventure in his last, he gains the requisite experience only at a vast expense for knowledge and death come at the same instant. Man desires pleasure perhaps as ardently as the moth desires light, and seeks it with as much avidity and as great a hazard. But man has knowledge, and is not like the insect, he is not so stupidly stupid, he is capable of reflection, and he is responsible for his conduct. He has seen his fellowman, year after year, plunge into the yawning vortex of debauchery in search of pleasure. He has seen his companion quaff the intoxicating cup till day after day, the third for artificial excitement became stronger and more irresistible—till the nervous system is shock and shattered, and till the whole mechanism of the frame exhibits the appalling symptoms of premature and convulsive death. He is aware that the physical, moral and intellectual energies of acquaintance, friends and relatives have been enfeebled and collapsed by the use of spirituous liquors—that their reputation, honors and means have been wrecked and ruined by the unalloyed practice—that bestiality, idleness, and a hopeless fatuity become their lot.

And, what the livid, bloated carcasses and the unheeded groans of the drunkard wind up the scene. And, in addition to this experience and knowledge, his reasoning faculties inform him that similar cases will, for ever, produce similar effects. And yet in defiance of these awful warnings, in violation of the first and strongest law of his nature, and in the face of his own convictions and reasoning he follows in the same accursed path and arrives at the same goal of hopeless, helpless wretchedness! Under these fearful circumstances, exhibiting such a mass of moral turpitude and physical degradation, sweeping on from year to year, and from generation to generation, filling the abodes of men with misery and the green places of the earth with woe; it is certainly incumbent on every man who values the happiness and character of humanity to ask, "Who made the Drunkard?" We are not of the number who would leave the entire criminality of creating drunkards, at the door of the Dealer or the grog-seller. These individuals are guilty in an eminent degree, and it certainly requires some strange logic to lay the conviction of conscience in the profaning Christian or the intelligent man who sells liquor to his fellow-workman, or his fellow-man till he has transformed the image of God into the likeness of something worse than the common brute: yea, the likeness of the Devil. We say it must require some strange logic to satisfy the conscience of the manufacturer or the retailer of spirituous liquors that he is not chargeable with some of the insane phrenzies, immorality, and crimes of the wretched creature to whom, for money, he has administered the cup of madness. It may be said that spirituous liquors are useful—somebody must sell them—I do not force the man to get drunk—and had I not sold him the liquor somebody else would have done so. The pocket-book says had I not taken the grog-seller's pocket-book, some other pocket-book would have taken it, but this is a very shallow kind of sophistry—the principle of doing evil to save some other person the trouble of doing it will not be received as a principle in moral philosophy. And although it is not necessary that I should allow or encourage other men to waste the substance of their families by destroying their reason, and brutalizing their nature in my house, and it is far from moral, that I should receive their money as the price of their degradation. It is merely the wages of iniquity—And hence we say that every respectable and well-disposed man who has thoughtlessly embarked in the traffic of drams, should slip out of the trade as quietly and as quickly as possible, lest peradventure a small portion of the drunkard's blood should be required at his hands. But though we believe the Dealer and the vender of spirituous liquors to be more directly implicated in the manufacturing of drunkards, and in their guilt and ruin, still we are very far from resting the entire responsibility on their heads. The error lies in public opinion—in the customs and usages of society, and more especially in the low standard which even pious men have reared for public morality. In short every man who uses intoxicating drinks as a common beverage, or as an article for common use, at this public, whether he uses a large quantity or a small quantity, is, in some extent, responsible for the guilt and misery and ruin of the drunkard. He is guilty in the first place, inasmuch as his example is an open avowal of his belief that the use of spirituous liquors is a common beverage, if not absolutely necessary, is at least harmless. He is guilty in the second place, in as far as his example is an inducement to the distiller, and the retailer, to embark in, and to keep the traffic for; it is evident that no decent man would incur the disgrace of opening and keeping a tavern exclusively for the accommodation and debasement of drunkards; and he is guilty in the third place, because he has again and again filled the cup and pressed it into the hands of the wretched creature, who thirst for artificial nervous excitement, and who, more irresistible under the influence of every successive draught, till at length the stage was attained that heled his pond as a ruined, irreclaimable drunkard. O reader, or those who are afflicted with these ailments—commune with thy own soul, and certainly if thou art an accomplice in the perpetration of that flood of misery which drunkenness is pouring on humanity, and remember, that "for all these things God will bring thee into judgment!"

THE SEVENTEENTH LOAN MEETING OF THE HURON DISTRICT BUILDING SOCIETY. Will take place on Saturday, the 30th inst. — See Adv.

SQUIRREL HUNT.—Yesterday afternoon, one of our citizens went a squirrel hunting in the vicinity of this village. They divided into two parties, and in three and half hours they killed 216. This, we think would hardly be beat in this region. — *Medical Whig.*

LETTERS FROM AN OLD REFORMER. — SUBJ. VII.

DEAR SIR, — It is with much pleasure that I perceive, in the provincial prints, an agitation of the subject of an Elective Legislative Council. The question has been discussed long already, and I glory in the fact of its coming vitality. In the course of some months more than fifteen years we have been engaged in the discussion of our claims—the Elective Council. Whilst Canadians were fighting for every portion of responsible Government, this neglect was unavoidable, and excusable enough, in the midst of the war, and the political and military struggle of the day. It is a historical fact that the formation of a Reform party was the result of the war, and the Reform party was the result of the war, and the Reform party was the result of the war. The advantages—and, what are more, the necessities—of an Elective Legislative Council have been reiterated again and again by our politicians, but they have either fallen upon deaf ears, or, if different heads were in ascent, but kept their hands in their pockets; this apathy must be shaken off, or responsible Government remain nothing more than a beautiful and empty shell. No longer as the Legislative Council remains as at present constituted, or rather, subjected to its present constitution, so long will political freedom remain insecure. Unimpaired in its numbers and liable to periodical varying additions, it is converted into a mere who of the opinions of the administration, and possesses neither independence nor utility. It must be either elected or abolished. Whilst it cannot now successfully oppose the legislation of the Lower House, it has all the power of obstruction and delay of kicking and kicking. Take last session as an example. What did the Legislative Council effect? 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ARRIVAL OF THE AMERICA... The America arrived at Halifax... on Saturday morning...

LOWER CANADA APPOINTMENTS... The new appointments under the Lower Canada Judiciary Bill...

TURKEY... The Paris journal publishes the following telegraphic despatch from Gen. Lamoriciere...

HUNGARY... The battleships of Hungary continue. It is said that they will lead to another outbreak...

LATEST NEWS

RIVALRY OF THE CAMBRIA... Letter New York, Nov. 10—6 1/2 P.M. Courier had Venice state with the intelligence...

FRANCE... The Council of Ministers... was held on Wednesday...

MARKETS... GODERICHS, Nov. 22, 1849. Flour per barrel... Cotton... Sugar...

OHIO WHISKEY!! AND FINE SALT FOR SALE... THE SUBSCRIBER IS returning his most sincere thanks...

LOST!! BELONGING TO THE SUBSCRIBER... Two PROMISSORY NOTES... VIZ: ONE JOINT NOTE...

BY AUTHORITY... Sheriff's Sale of Lands... HURON DISTRICT... ON Monday the 20th of October...

STRAYED FROM THE SUBSCRIBER... A DARK RED YELLOW STEER... with a white face, caked horns...

STAYED FROM THE HURON HOTEL... A YOKE OF OXEN... one black and one red—large strong animals...

LIST OF LETTERS REMAINING IN THE POST OFFICE AT STRATFORD... Arrol Thomas Montgomery Wm...

THE HURON DISTRICT BUILDING SOCIETY... THE SEVENTEENTH LOAN MEETING... of the Society will take place at the British Hotel...

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NOTICE... THE SUBSCRIBER begs to inform the inhabitants of Goderich and its vicinity...

THE AMERICAN MINISTER AT STRATFORD... The American Minister at this Court presented himself and proclaimed in the name of the President...

ENGLAND... The London Times in speaking of the possible assent of England to the annexation of Canada to the United States...

THE QUEEN DOWAGER ADELAIDE... The Queen Dowager Adelaide is ill and not expected to recover.

NEW TAILORING ESTABLISHMENT IN GODERICHS... THE SUBSCRIBER begs to announce to the inhabitants of Goderich and its vicinity...

AGRICULTURE... THE following is a List of the Premiums awarded to the successful competitors at the Bantam Show...

NOTICE TO CREDITORS... ALL Persons having Claims against JOHN SETH WURBLAT of the Town of North Westhope in the Huron District...

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