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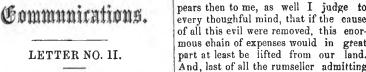
## RICHMOND HILL, DEC. 15, 1876.

PREPARING FOR WAR.

The Anti-Prohibitionists are putting on their armor and preparing for the battle that the signs of the times show will sooner or later be fought between them and those in favor of the total prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors. All over the country Licensed Victual held, advocating the views of those in connection with these associations.

The other day a large mass meeting was held in Toronto, at which the Hon. Frank Smith presided, and Mr. James Fahey argued in favor of the rights of those who believed in man being allowed to sell or drink liquor if he thought pro- the boundary line allowed by the law, per to do so. No doubt the activity and proceeds to poison the multitude, that has lately been shown by the friends of Prohibition, in getting the Dunkin Act passed wherever they can, is the cause of this opposition upon the part of struction of homes, in the commission of those who favor the liquor dealer. They feel the time is at hand when the question will fairly be put before the people at the polls. The question of drink or country. And yet while the drink is no drink, in more ways than one, involves | acknowledged to be the chief factor of serious consequences; and perhaps those in favor of the Prohibition movement are going the surest way to work in having their views carry by putting the Dunkin Act to the people in every county.

We, as a public journalist, having for our subscribers all classes of the community, are not expected to shut our columns to the discussion of any ques tion that may interest our readers, neither are we expected to endorse every barley. correspondent's communication that may | childish in the extreme, and scarcely



To the future Conservative Member for the truth of the arguments advanced; and admitting that the letter of law is East York, in the House of Commons. against him, yet do we find him falling

back on that antiquated citidel of his DEAR SIR. - Allow me to present a hopes the court of equity. He says, I few more thoughts on the Temperance am a respectable old gentleman; I am, movement, and then I have done.

him by the throat, and his punishment

several thousand years old; I have, re-Suppose, for the sake of argument, ceived a certain amount of encourage that the evils of intemperance are all ment from both people and the Govern in turn acknowledged; let us look for a ment, to invest my money in this businoment at the objections raised, first by ness, and in view of Prohibition becomthe liquor seller and his friends, and ing the new order of things. I have, next by the Government of the day, to rights that deserve to be considered, very the questions of the Dunkin Bill By law well, let us suppose the scales of justice and that of Prohibition. It is, in the suspended. In a box fastened to one first place, objected by the Licensed Vicend of the beam, let us place Mr. Landtualler that the Dunkin Act is an inva- lord with his buxom wife, one dozer sion of his rights as a citizen : having children and all his gains through a life received his license to sell, he deems that of 20 years in the traffic ; to the other he is thereby encouraged to purchase end of the beam we also attach a box, property, erect buildings suitable, fit up but, this must be a much larger one, for bars, etc. From the reign of Queen society must here be represented in the Anne down to the present, the British loss of one hundred citizens, whose bones Government have certainly granted lirattling in the bottom have been collect censes to keepers of houses of entered, as they were beached on the shore of tainment and others, for the sale of arintemperance. Here also, will be found dent spirits, malt liquors, etc., on the the widows and orphans of these men. special condition that they should be huddled together in gaunt ragged want, men of high moral character, and deby the drink he sold their fathers; and manding that his character should be still we notice clinging to its sides the accredited by a clergyman of known dull idiot or playing wild antics about standing. It is quite clear that even in the suspenders, the madly insane, whose those early times the danger attending wild and eldrich screeches mingled with his traffic were fully recognized. fiendish laughter is adding interest to This license was only granted from the scene But, look at the landlords

year to year, and the men receiving it end of the beam, is high up now; the are only in office under sufferance or weight of wretchedness in the other box good conduct, or the terms acceded to has raised him up in mid air, where we by the authorities. may now see him straining his scared eye-balls at the mouth of the dark pit The druggist has a liceense to sell

poisonous drugs under a physician's beyond, from whose orifice the fumes of order, but the moment that, on his own hell are issuing with the darkly blas lers' Associations are being formed and responsibility, he undertakes to retail phemous curse, of the one hundred the platform is being taken and meetings opium, chloral, cr drugs of this nature, damned souls which his drink, - but to our wives, sons or daughters, he ceases hark, he cries enough-while for the to have rights, and society at once takes present, I bid you good night.

DUNKIN.

is justly severe. Just so with the rumseller; he at one time had, by right of As all who frequent any place of worhis license, the privilege of selling ardent ship, however they may differ from the spirits to the people, under certain restrictions; but through the influence of doctrines there delivered, are expected an ever increasing avarice, he oversteps | to comport themselves with seriousness and gravity, so in religious controversies, ridicule ought never to be resorted to encourage the drinking habit in our to on either side; whenever a jest is in young men, to establish a vitiated taste for stimuleuts in the more mature and troduced on such a subject, it is indisputably out of its place, and ridicule, aged; and we have the result in the dethus employed so far from being a test murder and breaches against the whole of truth, is the surest test of error in criminal code, and the manufacture of those who on such an occasion can stoop pauperism and three-fourths of all the to have recourse unto it. calamnies that are daily occurring in our

The official statement of the national all this category of evil, we find the debt of the United States on the 1st inst., principal actor in this human drama, shows the debt to be \$2,089,336,099, having the impertinence to claim as a being an increase for the month of right, the privilege of making drunkards, thiefs and malefactors of our sons and \$457,000.



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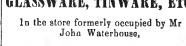
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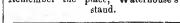
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SIMON PROCTOR Dominion Hotel, Richmond Hill

We, the undersigned, citizens of Wash-

nonest, upright, and a perfectly responsible man, and that his instruments are what he

the control of a journal, we shall at all granting that it is right to sow barley times permit the insertion of correspondence, even supposing it may not agree to the returns of barley grown and ex with our ideas, so long as the same is written in language not offensive. We have many men of many minds in a com munity; some think Prohibition is the grand panacea for all the evils human flesh is heir to; whilst others, on the contrary, may, just as honestly, think issued. In this statement there is both otherwise; whilst all sides will agree that the intemperate use of any beverage is hurtful and wrong.

A document has been just issued by the Edinburgh School of Cookery, show ing the progress which the movement has made, and the amounts contributed for its support. It is astonishing that within a few months the whole country has been infected with a sort of cooking enthusiasm. In every county, and almost every town, cookery classes have been established, and at these rich and poor have sat together as most docile lis teners and learners. In Edinburgh last year he paid his share of nearly alone the sum of  $\pounds 1316$  8s 1d has been contributed, and in other places sums in proportion.

on the Pacific. A despatch from Vic- and the Government will have to resort toria says that fifty rounds of ammuni tion have been issued to the military, in anticipation of a raid, and that torpe- est statesmen, late Chancellor of the Exdoes are being prepared at the dockyards chequer Sir Stafford Northcote, for sayto repel the invadenc.

The financial statement presented to people become more temperate they also the Quebec Legislature by the Finance Minister is very gratifying to the Prov- this naturally establishes an increased ince. It shows a total income for the year of \$5.984.533; with an expendi- in proportion to the decreased consumpture of \$3 862.517; leaving a balance of tion of intoxicants. But, let us look for \$2,122,016.

The returns for the third quarter in | the trial and care of criminals; the erecthe year, shows that in Scotland the number of births during the three months was unusually high, whilst the number of deaths was the lowest on record for twenty one years:

appear in our paper. Whilst we have deserves a moment's notice. However, and cultivate it as one of our chief agriported last year, that ninety five out of every hundred bushels went across the borders, being sold to a foreign market. It is also stated as an objection to the Dunkin Bill being carried into effect in this county, that our taxes will be in creased when licenses are no longer average sums raised in the different municipalities would scarcely amount to four hundred dollars; and, as in East

penalties under the Crooks' Act; yet on the other hand, if not one dollar were collected under this heading as an offset, yet the whole direct loss to each citizen, when apportioned, would not amount to one cent a head, or one fourth of a cent in the \$100 taxable property of each municipality. In the language of the poet, "breathes there a man with soul so dead," who would not willingly nay this for the salvation of his country from this great curse: if there is one such to be found, let me inform him that \$1000 for pauperism the natural offspring of the drugkard's drink.

Again, Sir, we hear it charged that if the Dunkin Act should become universally adopted in this country, the There has been a sort of Fenian scare | revenue will thereby be seriously affected, to direct taxation to remedy the apparent defalcation. We have I believe sir, the authority of one of Englands greating that it Prohibition were carried tomorrow there need be no fears for the

revenue of that country. For as the accumulate more wealth, and acquiring tastes of a refined and cultivated order,

demand for the luxuries of life, and just a moment to the purposes to which revenue is usually devoted, as for example,

to support the courts of law and equity;

Both judge and jury tell us that ninetenths of the crime brought before them arises from the drunkards drink. It ap-