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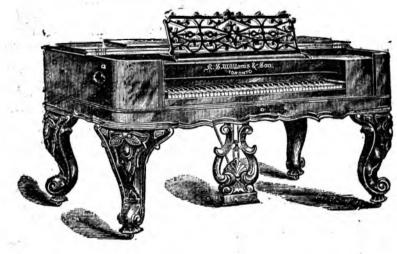
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made prominent, and we hope also their being justly and suitably rewarded. The records were required from the druggists, and being asked for in Parliament those that were ready were brought down and printed, and it is from these that the story of the terrible experiences of the people of Halton is drawn. The disease which at-tacked the people was of a most deadly type and could only be fought with spiritutype and could only be fought with spirituous and malt liquor. Doctors Sutherland, pm Prayer meeting on Wednesday ovening at Williams and Urquhart stood choulder to 780 Rev I Campbell, pastor shoulder in Oakville; Doctors Freeman, Ranny, Webster. Roe and Tod, in Georgetown, while Doctor Lowry stood almost alone and unaided apparently in Acton. From Burlington and Mitton the returns have not been received, so the tale, as regards these places, must remain untold,

nd the heroes unknown for the present. In Acton and the neighborhood the disease appears to have been of a comparatively ild type, and to have yielded, or at least been subjected, to mild and persistent treat-Between the beginning of May and the end of December, 1883, Doctor Lowry prescribed about 30 gallons of brandy, gin and whiskey, in about two hunded and fifty quantities of one pint. Upon only a few tamilies did the disease get a firm hold, in most cases the medicine being given apparently as a preventative. A serious case was that of Mr. Nixon, who was ordered a pint of whiskey on May 10th, a pint each of brandy and of whiskey on May 26th, a pint

of gin on June 16th; in the next month Mrs Nixon was taken ill. too, and was ordered one pint of gin on August 17th, and Mr Nixon a bottle of porter on the 30th. September was a bad month. Mrs Nixon being ordered a pint of brandy on the 3nd and 24th, and Mr Nixon a pint each of brandy and whiskey on the 5th and one on the 10th. On Nov. 3rd, 23rd and 28th, Mr Nixon was prescribed one pint each, and on the 3 d of the following month

each, and on the 3-d of the following month Jumes Nixon had to have one pint of gin; on the 5th Miss Nixon one pint of brandy. On the 14, 22nd and 24th Mr Nixon was pre-ecibed the same quantities. Doctor Lowry had several patients, whose illness proved quite as stubborn, such as the McPhedrons, the Gibbons, the Massales. Doctor Lowry's 'favorite prescription' in had cases was a double doze.' one tion" in bad cases was a double dose," one pint each of brandy and of whiskey. Ten of his patients were thus "treated;" we

use the word in its medical meaning, of course. In Georgetown, where Mr Geo E. Morrow kept the liquor dispensary, the number of families attacked by this mys-tesious disease was not large, but the type of the disease was of the very deadliest, judging from the treatment which was of the most drastic description. During the eight months for which the

returns are given the four physicians gave

prescriptions for over one hundred and thirty-eight gallons of spirits—mostly whiskey and brandy, with a dush of gm occasionally. Of the whole amount it appears that twelve or thirteen families got about two-thirds. One man alone got at least twenty-one gallons or more than oneseventh of the whole quantity. This man, James Cain, was "taken down" in the early part of May and called in Doctor Freeman who pescribed one quart of whiskey on the 12th Seven days later whiskey on the 12th Seven units the advance. When not paid at a seven units another quart was prescribed but the patient continued getting worse, and only an interval of five days chapsed before he the the continued to the cont was prescribed three quarts more by the same doctor. Four days later he was pre-this man's system. Netwithstanding every effort of his devoted medical man the nation continued to sink, and on the 27th July, it became necessary to have a consultation over his case apparently and Dr. Roe was called in. After a thorough diagnosis of the case Dr Ros appears to have approved of Dr Freeman's treatment and to have de-Dut even more drastically, for in addition to Doctor Freeman's prescription of a quart Doctor Roe prescribed a second quart on the same day. When Cain did not got quart he got thereafter two or "a quart or more" or simply "spirits" or "whiskey." physicians, who were assidnous in their attentions and generous in their prescriptions. non and Stull, whose attacks were periodical but severe, are extraordinary ones. Doctor Webster proceeded on a new course of al-

no quantity being mentioned, the doctor's intention being that the patient should take as much as he could absorb. If Cain did not recover his health we are not told, but if he did not it must have been the fault of the whiskey being too diluted and not of his The records of Doctor Roe's patient, Mrs Hull, of Doctor Ranney's patients, McKinreturns that during the eight months 9577 gallons of spirits and 295 gallons of mait spirits and 89 gallons of malt liquor. The remaining doctors, five or six in number, appear to have done tittle or nothing in the way of fighting this terrible disease which

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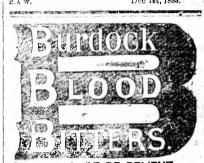
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