

The Committee speak advisedly, when they declare it as their opinion, that those who will take the trouble to read these most interesting publications, and who cannot, under their respective circumstances, afford the most efficient means of extinguishing from the land one of the most noxious, disgusting and ruinous habits, which ever afflicted the race of man, must possess a degree of scepticism and moral instability, which most effectually disqualify them for the prosecution of truth.

The Montreal Theatre has been taken for a few nights by Mr. De Camp, and on Monday evening, July 23d, Mr. CHARLES KEMBLE, and Miss FANNY KEMBLE, were to appear in Orlay's Tragedy of Venice Preserved, the former as Pierre and the latter as Belvidera. The part of Jaffer by Mr. Barton, of the Edinburgh Theatre.

ALB HOUSES.—We think it is no exaggeration to say that there are fifty houses in Kingston where Ale, Beer, or Cider is sold, and so far as our knowledge extends, not one of them is licensed. An opinion prevails that the law, imposing a penalty on persons keeping houses for the sale of Ale, Beer, Cider, or other liquors not spirituous, is not in force. This is a mistake. It was continued by the 2nd Will. IV. Chap. 21, and therefore each person offending is liable to pay a fine of not less than two nor more than five pounds. Independently of the revenue that is lost by this illicit traffic, so many ale houses are a great evil to society; for it cannot be concealed that the major part of them secretly deal in spirituous as well as fermented liquors. It may be asked, why are not the Magistrates supposed those nuisances? Simply because they have not the power. They can only act after an information has been lodged against an offender, and hitherto no person has thought proper to complain.

THE FRIENDS OF THE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY OF KINGSTON, COBURG, PORT HOPE, YORK, HAMILTON, AND NIAGARA, were met on Monday evening, July 23d, at the residence of Mr. JAMES NICKALLS, Esq., Clerk of the Peace, M. D. N. B. The office of the Inspector of Weights and Measures for the Midland District, will be held in future in the corner House opposite the Hon. John Kirby's, foot of Store street, now occupied as a Tin Shop, where weights and measures can be purchased on the most reasonable terms. J. MEAGHER, Kingston, July 23d, 1833.

PRIZE MEDALS. IT is hereby announced that the NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY of Montreal, has resolved to offer FOUR MEDALS for the best ESSAYS presented during the present year.—Three subjects have been chosen, and a Medal is offered. 1st. For the best Essay on the fish and Fossiliferous Shells of Canada. 2d. For the best Essay on the Climate of Canada. 3d. For the best Essay on the Minerals of Canada. The fourth Medal is offered for the best Essays on the other subject connected with Natural History. The conditions are:—1st. The Essay shall be presented on or before the 20th February, 1834. 2d. The Essay may be in French or English. 3d. The name and residence of the Author must be concealed, to ensure which each Essay shall have a motto, and shall be accompanied by a sealed note superscribed with the name motto, and containing the name and residence of the Author. This note shall only be opened in the case of the Essay being declared worthy of a Prize, otherwise it shall be destroyed. 4th. The Society reserves to itself the right to withhold the Prize should no one of the Essays on any particular subject appear deserving of it. 5th. The Essay to be addressed to A. F. HOLMES, M. D. Corresponding Secretary to the Society. ANDREW H. ARMOUR, Recording Secretary. July 17, 1833.

WHEREAS the Office of the bank of Upper Canada in charge of the undersigned was robbed between the hours of 4 o'clock of the evening of the 16th of June last, and 11 o'clock of the same night, of a sum of money exceeding \$5000 A Reward of \$500 will be given to any person or persons, who will give such information as will lead to the conviction of the thief or thieves, with the recovery of all the property stolen. J. G. BETHUNE, Cobourg, Upper Canada. N. B.—The money stolen consisted of about 100 Sovereigns, 15 Doubloons, about £100 in Commercial and Montreal Bank notes, and the residue in notes of the Bank of Upper Canada. J. G. B.

THE FAST SAILING STEAMER ST. GEORGE, LEUT. HARPER B. N. COMMANDER, WILL, until further notice, leave Prescott for Brockville, Gananoque, Kingston, Cobourg, Port Hope, York, Hamilton, and Niagara, every Monday afternoon, after the arrival of the Montreal Stage. She will leave Kingston (weather permitting) at 6 o'clock every Tuesday evening; Cobourg, at six o'clock, Wednesday morning; and York for the head of the Lake and Niagara every Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, and arrive at Niagara the same day. RETURNING, she will leave Kingston for Prescott on Sunday morning at 6 o'clock. This beautiful Vessel is propelled by a low pressure engine of 60 horse power, manufactured by Messrs. Bennett & Henderson of Montreal; she is schooner rigged, and has accommodations for upwards of 60 Cabin passengers. No luggage or parcels taken charge of unless booked and paid for. For Freight or Passage apply to the Captain on board. THE EDITORS OF THE COBURG STAR, COURIER AND PATRIOT, and Western Mercury will please insert the above in their respective papers. Kingston, 23d July, 1833.

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