

(From the *Cadet* of March, 1854)

"OUR DELAY IN PUBLICATION.—It was not easy to determine whether the *Cadet* should be published another year or discontinued. On seeing the malignant attack which is made in the *Life Boat* by somebody on our publisher, most people would have resolved to persevere with the *Cadet*; but he has magnanimously resolved to give way; and then an opportunity will be afforded to ascertain how far treachery and hypocrisy can impose on a credulous public. The *Life Boat* is discontinued by Mr. Campbell, and professedly goes into other hands. Caution is necessary, however, in dealing with slippery people; and, therefore, we cannot inspire any confidence into the minds of our young friends as to the future of the *Life Boat*."

The publishers of the *Life Boat* regarding the above—which appeared in the last number of the *Cadet*—as an injurious reflection upon their character, and having expressed a wish that such should be removed; we beg to state that we did not intend the remarks to bear any such construction; we simply intimated a doubt as to the continuance of the *Life Boat*, as the present publishers had not issued a prospectus to that effect. As all doubt is removed by the issue of the first number of the third volume, of course our remarks are nugatory, and are taken back as if they had not been written.

PLEDGE.—We, the undersigned, do agree, that we will not use Intoxicating Liquors as a Beverage, nor Traffic in them; that we will not provide them as an article of Entertainment, nor for persons in our Employment; and that in all suitable ways we will discountenance their use throughout the community.

Canada Temperance Advocate.

MONTREAL, APRIL 15, 1854.

The Mayor of Montreal and the Sons of Temperance.

When Doctor Nelson was inaugurated Mayor of Montreal he was pleased to express himself adverse to the manufacture and sale of liquors, and enumerated in language not to be misunderstood, the complicated evils of intemperance. The Howard Division of the Sons of Temperance has since addressed a respectful memorial to His Worship, to which he has forwarded a reply worthy of the Mayor of a great city. We are indebted to the city papers for these documents, and should have published them at an earlier period, if the officers of the Howard Division had forwarded them in due time.

The Memorial of the Division is as follows:—

To W. NELSON, Esq., M.D.

The Worshipful the Mayor of the City of Montreal.

We, Officers and Members of the Howard Division, No. 1, Sons of Temperance, being a Branch of an Order now extensively organized throughout the British Provinces, the United States and Great Britain, for the promotion and support of the Cause of Temperance by mutual aid as a Benefit Society, beg permission respectfully to express our gratitude for your public avowal on the occasion of your inauguration in the Office of Chief Magistrate, of your desire to do whatever lay in your power for the suppression of the vice of Intemperance, by an efficient control over the vendors of Alcoholic drinks, inasmuch as it must be apparent to every one who has directed his attention to the subject that this evil lays at the root of most of our social crimes and municipal burdens.

While we cannot but regard the failure of all legislation to control or regulate the traffic in Alcoholic drinks as indicating the necessity for and value of a Law totally prohibiting the manufacture and sale, and are, and purpose to be, actually engaged in endeavoring to obtain the passing of what is commonly called "The Maine Law," or a Law of similar stringency by the Legislature of the Province of Canada, we yet hail with pleasure any Municipal or Legislative effort having a tendency to check the prevalence of Intemperance and in accordance with such sentiments and feeling, beg leave most cordially to express a hope that your purposes and efforts on this behalf may be crowned with the most signal success.

Permit us also to express a desire that the Great Ruler of the Universe may so control the events of your government during the civic year that peace, tranquillity and prosperity may largely be afforded to the inhabitants of this prosperous and increasing city.

The Mayor sent the following answer, in which the keen-eyed *Herald* discovers a repudiation of the ultra doctrines of the teetotalers. We apprehend his Worship meant no such thing. But let him speak for himself, and our readers judge for themselves. He says:—

MONTREAL, 27th March, 1854.

GENTLEMEN,—Please accept my warmest thanks for the kind and favorable view you have been pleased to take of that part of my inaugural address wherein I particularly allude to the inordinate use of intoxicating drinks.

I entered upon the pursuit of my profession at a very early period of my life, now nearly half a century ago, and was soon led to appreciate to their fullest extent, the innumerable evils which result from the baneful practice of inebriety. I have seen the finest talents destroyed, and drivelling idiocy reign in their stead. I have seen men in all the vigor and pride of the most robust manhood, within a short space of time, become weak and decrepit, with all the appearance of premature decay and old age. I have seen abject poverty take the place of wealth,—misery and ruin prevail, where, but a short time previous, ease and happiness ruled; men whom Providence seemed to have intended to be the benefactors and the example of their fellow-men, become a burden and an opprobrium to society; heaven-born virtue supplanted by the most revolting depravity. I have seen all this, and much more, accruing from the hideous vice of perpetual tipping and beastly intoxication.

If there be one sin more than any other which, it would appear entails the punishment awarded in the Decalogue of "visiting the sins of the father upon the children to the third and fourth generation," it is most certainly the habit and vice of intemperance, which is most correctly said to be "the root of all evil."

Rest assured, Gentlemen, that I shall use every exertion to accomplish the ends I have aimed at in my address, in which I am happy to find that I shall possess powerful auxiliaries in the Howard Division of the Sons of Temperance. You have chosen a most appropriate title to designate your own association. The name and the deeds of the immortal "Howard, the philanthropist," are well calculated to insure respect, influence and power to your most noble work of Christian Charity. Persevere, Gentlemen, and thousands yet unborn will testify their gratitude, and bless your efforts to advance the well-being of all.

I reciprocate most fervently the sentiments with which you close your excellent address, and I feel satisfied that the conduct and example which you and all good citizens will observe on all occasions, will promote the peace, tranquillity and prosperity of this important and increasing city, and thus render the duties of the Chief Magistrate not only easy of accomplishment, but most pleasant and agreeable.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your very obedient servant,

WOLFERD NELSON.

To the Committee, &c., &c.,
Howard Division, No. 1.

Officers of Gough Division, Quebec, No. 3.

The undermentioned Officers were elected for the current quarter, ending 30th June, 1854:—

Brothers Jas. Hay, W.P.; Jno. Innis, W.A.; Thos. B. Dixon, R.S.; T. Magill, A.R.S.; T. Duncan, F.S.; J. R. Heally, T.; —Perry, Ch.; Wm. Wilkinson, C; F. Hall, A.C.; T. Ballantyne, I.S.; T. Gardiner, O.S.