

TABLE OF RETURNS MADE TO TEMPERANCE CONVENTION,
FEBRUARY, 1836.

NAME OF SOCIETY	Extent or Boundaries.	President.	Secretary.	Date of Formation.	Ordinary Members.	Total Abstinence do.	Expelled.	Withdrawn or removed.	Taverns.	Stores selling Liquor.	Temperance Inns or Stores.	Distilleries or Breweries at date of formation.	Ratio here
Montreal.....	City & Sub		J. Court	Nov. 1835	193	247	3	1	228	147	1	10	10
New Glasgow..	6 miles	H. Lloyd	E. Griffin	Jan. 1834	—	125	0	3	0	0	2	0	0
Fox Point.....	3 townships	J. Edwards	W. Edwards	April, 1834	121	—	15	10	4	0	0	0	0
Shipton.....	30 sq. miles	J. Boulton	G. Bangs	Dec. 1833	153*	—	6	6	0	1	0	3	1
Huntingdon....	6 do	J. Adams	J. Biggar	Jan. 1834	104	29	0	0	5	1	0	0	0
Lachute.....	6 miles by 5	Rev. W. Brun-	J. Hutchins	Jan. 1832	200	—	17	10	2	1	1	0	1
Dunham.....	Township	S. Baker	Thos. Selby	July 1830	453*	—	8	12	3	2	3	4	0
Lacolle.....	Seignior	L. Odell	J. McCallum	Jan 1833	408	—	3	24	4	1	3	0	0
Georgeville....	5 miles by 1	L. Merriman	J. Ives	Aug 1830	245*	—	11	80	1	0	2	4	0
Laprairie.....	1 to 6 miles	Dr. Henry	J. Johnston	Feb. 1833	49	11	2	0	26	0	3	1	1
Phillipsburgh.	1 by 5 do	Rev. R. Whit-	J. Taylor	Dec. 1831	181*	—	8	5	2	0	4	1	1
Chambly and St. John's....	3 parishes	Dr. Robinson	M. Willett	Feb. 1834	17	56	1	0	37	12	5	1	1
Hull.....	12 miles	J. Church	G. Church	May 1833	50	—	3	2	2	0	3	0	0
Lennoxville... Eaton.....	5 sq. miles 10 do	M. Mallory J. Taylor	W. Brookes P. Hubbard	April, 1832 June, 1832	138 318	—	1	11	1	0	2	2	0
Stanstead Plains Do	N.E. quarter N.E. do	J. Smith D. Walling-	G. Walling-	May, 1833 May, 1833	200 349	—	0	15	2	3	2	3	0
Frelighsburg.. Westbury.....	Potton 3 miles	D. Blanchard P. Embury	C. R. Woods F. Hall	June, 1830 Dec. 1833	— 31	155	20	6	0	0	0	2	0
Compton.....	Township	J. Gilson	J. W. Gilson	July, 1832	436*	—	9	7	3	0	0	1	0
Bolton.....	4 miles sq.	J. Wilby	J. S. Merry	Jan. 1832	91	—	7	5	1	0	1	0	0
Granby.....	Township	S. Wetherby	H. Miner	Dec. 1835	73	—	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
Yamaska.....	10 miles	N. Fiske	J. Chamber-	Aug. 1831	50	—	6	8	1	1	0	1	0
Godmanchester and Hinchin- brook.....	21 sq. miles	D. Arms- trong	J. W Arms- trong	May, 1831	8	91	15	13	2	9	0	0	1
Longueuil.....	2 townships	D. Pattee	J. Pattee	April, 1830	335*	—	16	11	6	9	2	1	1
					4249	715	159	217	335	192	34	40	30

* Wine is excluded in the pledge of these Societies.

† Taverns and Stores.

The foregoing Table is a condensed review of the various reports made to the Committee, showing in round numbers about 4500 members of the Temperance Society in the Districts from which Reports have been received. We would, however, not be doing justice to these reports, if we did not notice, that they very generally state the improvement caused by the Temperance Society to be much greater than the mere list of their Members would indicate. For instance, the Godmanchester report says: "our Society exerts a salutary influence upon those who are opposed to our mode of operation. Great numbers of whom dispense with the use of ardent

spirits upon almost all occasion, (such as bees, raisings, &c.) in order to convince us that they can live soberly without the aid of the Temperance Society; thus bearing involuntary testimony to the excellence of our principles. The Longueuil report says: "that even those who refuse to join the Society, admit that there has been a great improvement in the morals of the neighborhood since its formation."

The Dunham, Georgeville and Eaton Societies say, that the improvement in the morals and happiness of the community has been very great indeed, and realised their fondest anticipations. The Compton Society estimates the annual

consumption of ardent spirits at its formation, at 6000 gallons; and the present consumption at 1800 gallons. The report from Bolton estimates the quantities as follows, consumption at formation 2000 gallons, and now 500 gallons. The Yamaska Society says, that not more than one-tenth of the ardent spirits is consumed now that used to be formerly; the Huntingdon Society estimates the decrease to be from 5000 gallons formerly, to 1500 now; the Frelighsburg report estimates the decrease at 19 out of 20 puncheons, which used to be consumed; and the greater part of the Township Societies present similar results.

A number of the Societies state that they have not adopted the total abstinence pledge yet, though many of their members act upon that principle. The La Chute Society says, "so much remains to be accomplished, that we are about to adopt the total abstinence pledge, which we have no doubt will pass by a large majority, at our next meeting." And several other reports mention an intention to adopt this pledge.

Some Societies report a good many drunkards reclaimed, and more saved who were fast verging towards intemperance. The Eaton report, after mentioning the case of several confirmed drunkards who have been reclaimed, says, "indeed it cannot be doubted, that a large number have been saved from drunkenness by ceasing to walk in the path which leads to it." Other Societies, however, among which is that of Laprairie, complain that they have not been very successful in reclaiming drunkards, which they attribute to their not excluding fermented liquors in their pledge.

From many of the Societies no returns of drunkards reclaimed have been made; the number mentioned, by those which have made returns, of confirmed drunkards who have been reclaimed is 84.

We have now briefly noticed the principal facts mentioned in the reports; many of which complain of unlicensed Taverns—and of Store-keepers, who against the wishes of the better part of the community, continue to bring ardent spirits into their districts, thereby pandering to the evil propensities of the worst part of the population. The complaint of backwardness on the part of many, who from their situation in life, should be the best friends of the Society, is also of frequent recurrence.

We shall only further remark, that the great number of Taverns licensed in the City, Villages and Canadian Parishes, appears to us a melancholy proof of the prevalence of Spirit drinking. And we sincerely hope the next annual report may show a great improvement in this, as well as all other respects.