

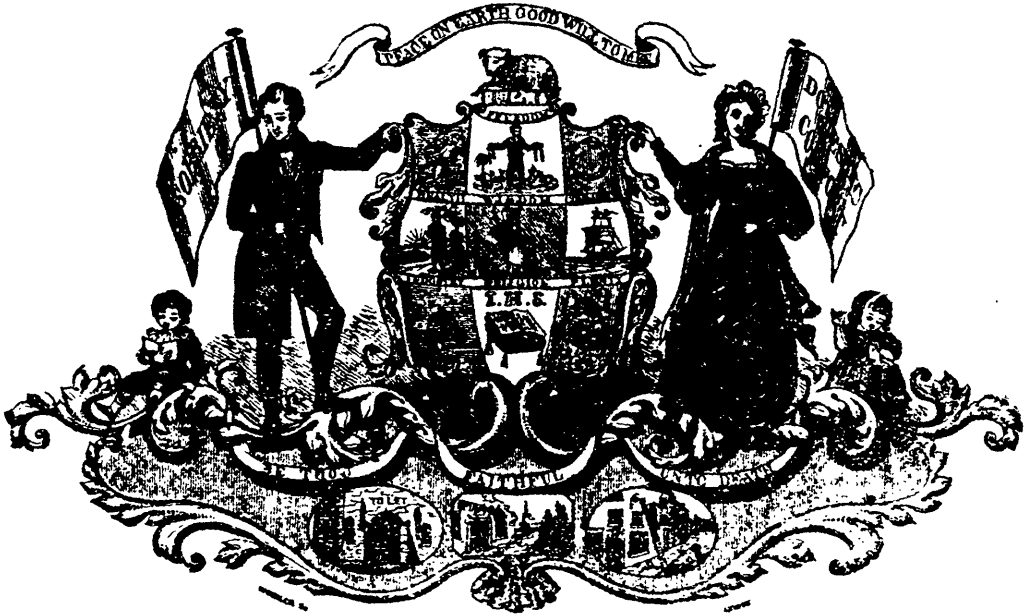
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*Temperance is the moderate use of things beneficial, and abstinence from things hurtful.*

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"It is good neither to eat flesh, nor drink wine, nor do any thing by which the brother is made to stumble, or to fall, or is weakened. Rom. xiv. 21.—*Macnight's Translation.*"

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### "THE TRAFFIC" IN THIS CITY.

Our object in publishing this document is to lay before the public generally, and more particularly our magistrates, legislators and rulers, the following statistical statements:—

1st. The number of establishments engaged in the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks in Montreal.

2d. The quantity of these drinks sold, and the cost of the same.

3d. Their effects upon the community.

In executing this design, we will abide as much as possible by facts advanced upon official authority, which a committee appointed for the purpose have been at very great pains to collect, and we hope, with the Divine blessing, to hold up the traffic in intoxicating drinks to the public view, and more particularly to the view of persons engaged in it, in its true colors.

Every street, lane, and alley of the city and suburbs, have been visited, and a list carefully made out with the names and residence of all who announce to the public by sign-board, casks or decanters,

that they sell intoxicating drinks; as well as of all wholesale merchants, whom we know either by personal acquaintance or by their advertisements to be engaged in the same traffic. This list was intended for publication, but it would take up too much of the *Advocate*. We shall, therefore, only give the results, reserving the list for future reference.

There are sixty-eight commercial establishments, including commission houses, which sell intoxicating drinks wholesale. There are fifty-three which sell wholesale and retail, or retail by the gallon or quart. And there are two hundred and sixty-seven houses which sell by the glass: making THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT places in Montreal for the sale of the drinks which make drunkards!! besides from one to two hundred places, which display crackers, pipes, apples, &c. in their windows, many of which, we are informed, sell without license!

In looking over the list a number of reflections occur to us.

First,—A great number of the places where liquor is sold by the glass, are mere dram shops, or drunkeries as they are expressively called in the United States, and not a few of them are evidently made to serve other disgraceful purposes besides the sale of liquor. This is more particularly true of a number of houses much frequented by soldiers. Now, whatever may be said respecting the licensing of inns, there can be no two opinions about the effect produced on the community by the establishments in question: it is evil and only evil. Magistrates of Montreal, wherefore do ye license these houses? Answer to your country, to your conscience, to your God! Again, some of the more genteel dram-shops are connected with billiard tables and gambling houses, where many a promising youth