

community appended their names, embracing the great majority of those distinguished for respectability in station, activity in enterprise, and mental and moral worth. Had female signatures been admitted, (and who is better qualified to attest the benefits of the Sabbath than woman?) the number could, without difficulty, have been increased two or three fold.

Besides the general memorials, *denominational* ones this year, were sent. It was thought advisable that the Church should co-operate with the community at large, in defending the character and asserting the claims of an Institution—essential alike to her existence and welfare. Several congregations accordingly, in the city, despatched petitions signed either by the members separately, or by their several representatives. Other congregations throughout the country, and the supreme courts of certain religious bodies, such as the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and the Wesleyan Methodist Conference, have taken similar action.

Feeling, for various reasons, that it would be of the utmost importance to have an efficient organization at Quebec, Captains Stace and Haultain were respectfully requested by your Committee, to do what they could to accomplish this desirable end. Your Committee are not exactly aware how far the movement subsequently made in Quebec, is traceable to this suggestion on their part. It is gratifying, however, to have it in their power to report, that at one of the largest and most enthusiastic meetings ever held in that City, in which ministers of the principal Protestant denominations, as well as members of Parliament, took part; and on whose platform the Post Master General stood prominent—a Society was formed, with a vigorous staff of office-bearers, and an influential Committee. Your Committee fondly anticipate, that through its means a salutary influence may be brought to bear upon the Government and a pathway opened up for the easier transmission of memorials, and the transaction of other matters of business connected with our present agitation.

At Toronto also, a public meeting was convened some time since, on a requisition to the Mayor, signed by citizens of all creeds and classes. An association

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