

from their native land; to promote the welfare of the Emigrant, and to aid him in forming a settlement from which he might afterwards derive happiness and independence. With these views, it was proposed to form among the Sons of Scotia and their descendants, resident in Montreal, a charitable association directed solely to advance the cause and welfare of their countrymen. This Subcommittee which consisted of Messrs. ADAM FERRIE, WILLIAM RITCHIE, WILLIAM EDMONSTONE, ARCHIBALD HUME, ROBERT ARMOUR, Jun., and WILLIAM WILSON, Jun., adopted as the basis of the proposed constitution that of the St. Andrew's Association of New York, a few alterations being made to render it applicable to the difference of country and circumstances.

It was then agreed to call a General Meeting of all the inhabitants of the city of Scottish origin or descent favorable to the proposed institution; upwards of four hundred circulars were addressed by the Stewards to the most leading, influential, and respectable of their countrymen, and advertisements inserted in the newspapers inviting them to attend a meeting in the Northwest buildings, in St. Gabriel Street, on the 6th February, 1835, with a view to form a St. Andrew's Society, and adopt a constitution for its management. The invitation was very generally accepted, and a numerous and highly respectable meeting took place. The Hon. Peter McGill was called to the Chair, and the constitution submitted by the Stewards, was with a few trifling amendments adopted. The gentlemen present were invited to become Members by subscribing their names to the constitution, and another meeting on the 2d March was ordered to be called for the election of office-bearers. During the interval, all those qualified were allowed and invited to sign the constitution and be deemed original Members. The meeting which had been appointed for the 2d March,